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—By Marcus in the New York Times Magazine

THE MAN OF THE YEAR

Time Magazine Honors General Marshall

## Great Honor Goes To A Fighting Man

WASHINGTON—Gen. George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff of the United States Army, is the 1943 "man of the year."

General Marshall was accorded this honor by Time Magazine for having transformed "a worse-than-dismayed United States into the world's most effective military power." Marshall is the man "who more than any other could be said to have armed the republic."

It is a great honor Time Magazine has accorded the Army's Chief of Staff. 1943 was a year of great accomplishments with many men featured in major roles.

"Before selecting General Marshall as the man of the year," the magazine said, "Time considered the claims of Prime Minister Churchill, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, Premier Stalin and President Roosevelt."

The magazine gives its designation annually to the man or woman selected by its editors, on the basis of nominations by readers, as the one who had effected the most dramatic change in the course of history during the preceding twelve months.

General Marshall has trained, equipped and transported millions of American soldiers to scattered fighting fronts. He has given the United States and her Allies a year

of victories. He has set the stage for the final knock-out blows.

Although the honor was accorded for 1943 the tribute must include 1942. His enormous task of organizing and equipping a great army in the face of set-backs and defeats was matched only by the magnificent courage of the Red Army led by Premier Stalin, 1942's man of the year.

Marshall has proved to be one of America's greatest military leaders. The faith and confidence America has in his ability was demonstrated in the furor aroused when it was reported that he might be made commander of the European invasion forces.

No man has ever been called upon before to make decisions for a global war such as those that have faced and are facing Marshall. His ability to handle situations on such a tremendous scope is proved by the victories.

The Army can be proud. In competition with some of history's greatest leaders Marshall was accorded the honor. He has won the confidence of people throughout the world. A great soldier has received a great honor.

## Chaplains Conduct 50,000 Religious Services on Christmas

WASHINGTON — American soldiers everywhere in the world at war marked Christmas at an estimated 50,000 religious services conducted by uniformed clergymen of the Army Chaplain Corps.

Some of the services were conducted in foxholes or shell craters for two or three men of advance patrols; others were held in quieter sectors, with thousands participating.

Voices of 200 soldiers were raised in the singing of Christmas carols in a broadcast from Bethlehem, in the Holy Land, at 12 o'clock noon (EWT) Christmas Day; but carols were spoken or whispered, rather than sung, in front line areas.

Nowhere were the men and women of America's armed forces without spiritual comfort.

There were troop movements Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The exigencies of war made that inevitable. But soldiers who found themselves on troop trains also found that Protestant and Catholic chaplains had set up altars in coach aisles at which they held Christmas

## We Will Win European War In 1944 Says General 'Ike'

WASHINGTON—"We will win the European war in 1944," a man called "Ike" has predicted.

You can believe him. This man called "Ike" is Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, who has been named to the most important command in American military history as leader of the Allied invasion forces from the west.

"I will give my complete cooperation in 1944" must be the New Year's resolution of every man and woman if General Ike's prediction is to become an actuality.

For as he said, "the only thing needed for us to win the European war in 1944 is for every man and woman all the way from the front line to the remotest hamlet of our two countries (the United States and England) to do his or her full duty."

### Pays A Tribute

The appointment of General Eisenhower to this important post pays tribute to a man, who during the course of the war has been promoted from Lieutenant Colonel to a four-star General. He has won his promotions by solid achievements as Allied commander of the successful invasions of North Africa, Sicily and Italy.

His performances in these undertakings have been brilliant—brilliant in the coordination of land, sea and air forces in history's greatest amphibious operations, brilliant in the daring his forces displayed, brilliant in coordinating the efforts of men of many nations.

With this brilliant record of stable, sound activities to back his statement one can well believe that there will be an Allied Victory in 1944.

### Cost Will Be Heavy

The cost will be heavy. A large percentage of the total invasion forces will be Americans. President Roosevelt has warned that "we shall have to look forward to large casualty lists—dead, wounded and missing."

Prime Minister Churchill has warned that "Unless some happy events occur . . . 1944 will see the greatest sacrifice of life by the British and American Armies. Battles far larger and more costly than Waterloo and Gettysburg will be fought . . ."

General Eisenhower accented these predictions when he indicated that when the day comes to strike it will be a question of bringing to bear on the enemy every plane from the heaviest four-engine bomber to the tiniest single-engine reconnaissance craft; every ship that can sail and shoot; every soldier who can carry a gun.

Ike believes the American soldier is ready for the invasion thrust. He has paid glowing tribute to the consistent courage of the Anglo-American footsoldier, who despite extremely unfavorable conditions, has

continued to slug it out with the enemy and is slowly and steadily advancing in Italy.

Although General Eisenhower merely implied that greater cooperation was needed on the home front other spokesmen have been bitter in their denunciation of the "hell, the war is won" attitude on the production front.

While American fighting men slowly inch their way through South Pacific jungles, and through the cold slime of Italy, while American airmen pounded enemy targets scattered about the world, strikes and threatened strikes, black markets and planning for post-war activities play an important part in home front actions.

On the home front there has been an apparent aloofness from the war. Minor victories won by courageous fighting men have been interpreted by the home front as "war winning."

Part of the responsibility for this

attitude goes back to the very officials who condone it. There has been a marked hesitancy in releasing news of losses and defeats.

### Responsible Factors

Other factors responsible are: The emphasis on post-war planning and reports that dollar-a-year men are returning to private industry;

The fall of Mussolini and the surrender of Italy;

The great victories of the Russian army;

Too much reliance on guerillas and hopes for uprisings in German-occupied countries;

Predictions that Germany would be knocked out by bombing alone.

General Eisenhower has never aligned himself with those who do feel that Germany can be brought to its knees by bombing alone. He feels Germany is too resourceful to permit defeat by the air.

However, the Allied commander (See WE WILL, Page 16)

## Army Was Ready In Strike Threat

WASHINGTON—When the President gave his order this week to take over the railroads to forestall a threatened strike, he found the Army ready.

Immediately officers were dispatched to each of the nation's more than 600 railroads to take physical

possession. Top railroad executives were sworn into the Army as colonels and put at the head of seven new transportation regions. Enlisted men and officers who were employed on railroads as civilians were combed out of their units after reference to their classification cards and rushed to central points to be ready to run the trains if necessary.

### Danger Almost Over

Today the danger which threatened to stop nearly the whole war effort of the country is almost past. The railroads are governments property, assigned by the President to the control of Secretary of War Stimson. Union leaders have assured the Army that they will take no action which might imperil the successful prosecution of the war. The strike is off.

Stimson has designated Lt. Gen. Brehon Somervell, commanding general of the Army Service Forces, to act for him. Under General Somervell's immediate supervision, direct responsibility for operations rests with Maj. Gen. C. P. Gross, Chief of Transportation.

The Army began making its plans to meet the strike threat even before the President signed on Monday night the Executive order putting it in charge of the railroads.

General Somervell first tackled the problem on Christmas eve. Four days later he and his staff had prepared and ready to put into operation a sheaf of plans as thick as a book. When the time came, the Army worked fast.

### Civilians To Colonels

On Monday the President decided that it would be impossible to convince three of the five unions which were threatening to strike to submit to arbitration. At 6:40 p. m. Stimson received word to take over. At 7, General Somervell's plan was in his hands. By 7:03 Somervell was issuing orders to officers, who in a very short time were streaming out of (See RAILROADS, Page 16)

## Airborne Troops Set for Maneuvers Jan. 5 through 9

WASHINGTON—The second of the combined maneuvers employing elements of the Airborne Command and the Troop Carrier Command will be held in the vicinity of Camp Mackall, N. C., during the period Jan. 5 through Jan. 9, 1944, the War Department announced this week.

The maneuvers will include the dropping of a complete airborne division, together with all of its equipment, behind "enemy" lines. The division will then assemble and attack with combat teams, using both day and night tactics. The troops will be supplied by air. More than 10,000 men will take part in the tactical operation.

The first of these maneuvers was held near Camp Mackall from Dec. 6 through Dec. 11, 1943. Lessons learned from these will be emphasized at the second operation.

Director of the maneuvers will be Brig. Gen. Leo Donovan, Commanding General of the Airborne Command, with Brig. Gen. Frederick W. Evans, Commanding General of the I Troop Carrier Command, as co-director.

## Show Conference At Hood Jan. 10-12

CAMP HOOD, Tex. — Hollywood and stage celebrities will tip off soldiers and WACs on the best ways to entertain their buddies at an Enlisted Men's Soldier Show Conference here Jan. 10, 11 and 12.

Eight hundred GIs from posts in the Eighth Service Command are expected to attend the conference, which is sponsored by the Special Service Branch of the Eighth Service Command and the entertainment section of the Special Services Division at Washington.

Similar conferences have been held recently at Fort McPherson, Ga., for the Fourth Service Command, and at Santa Monica, Calif., for the Ninth Service Command.

Copies of the Army Times are made available to all Army hospitals through the American Red Cross.

## Site of Transport Corps OCS Named Camp Plauche

NEW ORLEANS—The Army installation outside of New Orleans, which has been commonly called Camp Harahan because of its proximity to the town of Harahan, has been officially named Camp Plauche (pronounced Plo-shay).

At the camp are the Army Service Forces Unit Training Center, the Transportation Corps Replacement Training Center and the Transportation Corps Officer Candidate School.

The camp was named in honor of Jean Baptiste Plauche, a major who served with distinction under Gen. Andrew Jackson in the Battle of New Orleans. He later became the first brigadier general of the Louisiana Legion and a lieutenant governor of the state.

Camp Plauche was laid out early in 1942, as a subordinate installation of the New Orleans Port of Embarkation. It continues as a training area under the Port.

## 25 Types of Gloves Meet Army's Demands

WASHINGTON—Some twenty-five types of gloves—running the gamut from cotton-flannel hand coverings for thwarting the malarial mosquito in the Southwest Pacific to heavily reinforced gauntlets for coping with barbed wire in Italy—have been adapted or perfected by the Quartermaster Corps to meet the widely varying demands of global war, the War Department disclosed this week.

The gloves are issued in various parts of the world in accordance with the requirements of American fighting men, depending on the particular climate, terrain or duties involved. Some are military adaptations of commercial types available before Pearl Harbor. Others have been conceived to meet extraordinary conditions, such as those encountered in the Arctic.



# Birds, P-38's Compete for Nesting Places on Tiny Ascension Island

WASHINGTON—In April, 1943, it was announced that Lockheed Lightning P-38's, single-seater fighter planes, were going to war under their own power. Tiny Ascension Island, a mere pinpoint in the route between South America and Africa through which 5,000 planes already have been cleared, helped make that possible, the War Department disclosed this week.

The flow of planes to war zones along this route started in July, 1942, and since then the Air Transport Command, U. S. Army Air Forces, has kept "piling them through" the island air strip known as Wideawake Field.

## Close Secret

Ascension is only one stop on one route which the Air Transport Command employs in its trans-Atlantic operations, but probably no base in the ATC's global network of more than 100,000 miles has had such strategic significance. That is why Ascension has been such a closely guarded secret, and why few people ever have heard of an airfield called Wideawake.

Development of the little island, less than 38 square miles in area, permitted the AAF to fly comparatively short-range fighters and smaller type bombers across the South Atlantic instead of shipping them in surface vessels, releasing vital cargo space for other cargo.

Ascension was one of the main gateways through which the United States sent the increasingly heavy air power so important in driving the Axis out of North Africa and forcing the surrender of Italy.

The Corps of Engineers had an important role in the development of Ascension, little more than a pile of knife-like volcanic rock, cinders, a little dirt and one oasis of vegetation on a mountainside. Moving with greatest secrecy, a detachment of Army engineers landed on the island March 30, 1942, and undertook the night and day job of building an air base.

## Population 150

Rising less than 300 feet above the surface of the South Atlantic, except for the single mountain, Ascension boasted but two roads when the Americans joined the island populace of about 150 persons.

During the time it took the engineers to blast a runway for Wideawake Field out of the volcanic mountainside, they lived a lonely life. Facilities for recreation were rare, and so that attention would not be called to the project, only the most essential shipping was permitted near the island.

In three months, the runway was



—AAF Photo.

## BIRDS ON ASCENSION

The Army called in an expert

ready. The first plane to set its expert on birds, Dr. James P. Chapin, associate curator of the American Museum of Natural History at New York. Dr. Chapin went to Ascension and concluded the only way to persuade the winged pests to move their habitat was to take away their eggs—which are edible, many a soldier stationed on Ascension will testify.

Toward this end chicken wire was stretched over some of the larger nesting spots. It has worked "fairly well," according to reports from Ascension.

## Tanker Reported Sunk

Major Heard and Major Vickers were met with the report that a tanker due the previous day with the first consignment of aviation gasoline had been torpedoed off the Brazilian coast, but this was disproved shortly with the arrival of the tanker. The ship had encountered enemy U-boats, but the skipper was able to outrun them and finished the trip under radio silence.

The American airmen took off at once for the American mainland to advise ATC headquarters the way to Africa across the South Atlantic was open and that Ascension was stocked with sufficient aviation fuel to replenish countless planes.

Virtually in the middle of the 3,000-mile air route there was now a firmly anchored airdrome where before there was only a pinpoint patch of clinkers.

Airmen who fly this route have a ditty which goes in part:

"If we don't hit Ascension  
My wife gets a pension."

Problems with which this project was fraught centered not around enemy planes or U-boats, but—birds. Hundreds of thousands of them, notably sooty terns, or wideawakes, from which the airfield takes its name, persisted in nesting at the end of the runway, creating obvious hazards to aircraft operations. Cats were imported to rid the island of the terns, but the cats themselves were devoured by boobie birds, a larger species.

In desperation, the Army called in

most of the island's shortcomings, except for the constant clouds of volcanic dust which sweep across it, have been overcome. Frame buildings have arisen to supplement tents. Roads have been built, and while the formation of the island makes smooth riding an impossibility—one of the roads is referred to as "Hell's Boulevard"—they provide access to all important points of the islet.

Army Special Service supplies have been delivered in quantity to the troops, and volley balls, phonographs, boxing gloves, magazines, candy, cigarettes and horseshoes have made a big difference. More recently, there have been motion pictures at night, and morale has soared accordingly.

## Another Compromise Vote Plan Offered in Congress

WASHINGTON — Although Congressmen are taking a furlough over the holidays, the question of assuring servicemen of an opportunity to vote isn't far from the minds of any of them. Those who have gone home are sounding out the opinion of their constituents. Those who remained in the capital are promoting their various plans.

One strong clique of States-rights Democrats supported by some Republicans is adamant in opposing any Federal-controlled or supervised plan. Standing solidly behind the weak plea to the States which has already passed the Senate, they refuse to entertain any compromise.

Proponents of a Federal plan on the other hand, this week were offered another compromise to con-

## Air-WACs Make History

LINCOLN AIR BASE, Nebr.—Air-WACs are making history in Nebraska, their latest achievement being to christen the first sea-going landing pier ever built in the state. The 120-ton craft, built at the Lincoln Steel Works, was "dry launched" before hundreds of persons at the Lincoln plant. Christened by 1st Lt. Gladys L. Stillman, commanding officer of the Air WAC detachment at the AAF Training Command's Army Air Base at Lincoln, the boat was named "WAC" in honor of the Women's Army Corps. It is the first government vessel so named.

## GI Camoufleurs Produce Life-sized Nativity Scene

CAMP EDWARDS, Mass.—Army ingenuity overcame many obstacles, including lack of materials, 14 inches of frost and high wind to bring to Camp Edwards a life-size Nativity scene which is one of the Christmas showpieces on Cape Cod.

Early in December Capt. Mathias A. Wiar, camp Catholic Chaplain, visited the First Service Command Camouflage School here and expressed a desire that some sort of a Christmas crib be built and set up on the lawn before Camp Headquarters.

Although they had never undertaken such a task before, Cpls. David Lillis, William O'Sullivan and Malcolm Mills readily agreed to do the work. Camouflage men have imagination, and the three corporals soon expanded Captain Wiar's suggestion into a large project.

They decided to make all the figures life-size. Using salvage material the trio went to work. Frames were made of plywood and chicken wire. Next they were covered with burlap and then they were painted. Clothing used on the figures was obtained from salvage also. It required nine days to make the figures.

The camels are the masterpieces

of the work and they were made by using a cigarette advertisement for a model.

When it came time to set up the scene, the weather, as it will on Cape Cod, turned colder. To add to their troubles the camoufleurs encountered high wind. This meant driving more stakes to hold guy wires which would keep the figures from blowing away. But the men could not dig holes for the stakes because there was 14 inches of frost under the frozen grass of the Headquarters lawn.

It was necessary to employ a Post Utilities compressed air drill to make the holes.

Thus, despite the cold, frost and high wind, the scene, with a 150-foot frontage, was set up in two days under trying conditions.

Floodlights were obtained from Post Engineers to give the scene added beauty at night.

The scene, which shows the manger at Bethlehem with the three wise men approaching, has won the praise of all who have seen it. It was designed so that it can best be appreciated by standing some distance away and viewing the scene in its entirety.

## First Negro Paratroop Unit Will Be Activated

WASHINGTON—Plans for the first Negro parachute unit in the American Army have been completed, and the unit, designated as the 555th Parachute Infantry Company, will be activated at Fort Benning, Ga., the War Department announced this week.

## Volunteers Sought

Brig. Gen. Leo Donovan, Commanding General of the Airborne Command, under whom the unit will serve, has been authorized to appoint a field officer and a medical officer to select volunteers for an enlisted cadre from the 92nd Infantry Division at Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

Other personnel necessary for the cadre will be furnished by the Third Army, and the balance of the company's strength will be provided later from qualified volunteers.

In taking its place under the Airborne Command, the 555th Parachute Infantry Company is joining an element of the Army that is comparatively new, but has already made a spectacular contribution to the war effort, both in this country and overseas.

Parachute units have been suc-

cessfully used in combat in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, and the Southwest Pacific. Recently, in an important demonstration of this nation's striking power from the sky, an entire airborne division was landed in a single night-and-day operation during maneuvers near Camp MacKall, N. C.

Volunteers accepted for the new unit will receive the rigorous training at the Parachute School, Fort Benning, which every soldier must undergo in order to become qualified for duty with parachute troops.

First, there will be a month for each man to learn the rudiments, building up through special conditioning and controlled jumps from towers to their first jumps from planes. They also will be taught the details of proper care and maintenance of their parachutes, handling of their equipment and weapons, and every other phase of their new activity.

## \$50 Extra

After the first month, qualified parachutists will be assigned to their unit, and will receive the \$50 additional pay each month to which every parachute soldier is entitled.

With other new parachute units in process of formation, the War Department emphasizes that applicants for this type of duty are still being accepted. To qualify, soldiers must be between the ages of 18 to 32 inclusive, must not be over 72 inches in height, and must not weigh over 185 pounds.

Certain other physical qualifications, which are determined by Army medical officers in the course of a physical examination, also are necessary. Enlisted men must apply for parachute duty through regular channels, instituting their requests through company orderly rooms.

## Time Purchases Interest in Blue Radio Network

NEW YORK—Time, Inc., purchased this week a substantial interest in the Blue Radio Network, from Edward J. Noble, former Undersecretary of Commerce who bought the system last October.

Mr. Noble announced that the staffs of Time, Life and Fortune would make "a major contribution" to the network's programs, which will emphasize news and news features.

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# To Men in Them Every Combat Is Great Battle

The following is the first of two articles based on a report to the War Department by Col. S. J. Stovall, Cav.

WASHINGTON—Although few of them reach the headlines, "great" battles are being fought by the front-line combat soldier hour after hour and day after day—battles that to him surpass such spectacular achievements as a landing at Salerno or Tarawa.

Col. Albert S. J. Stovall, Cav., who has just returned from a six-month observation tour in the Mediterranean war theater for the Army Ground Forces, saw those minute but "great" battles fought in Sicily and in Italy, and told of them in a report released this week by the War Department.

## From Front-Line View

Let's take a look at what the front line soldier is up against," he suggested. "War to him is not a matter of a few seconds of concentrated combat, a terrifying melee that is over in a moment. The assault soldier goes into the front line to stay for days and sometimes weeks. His getaway power is practically zero and his traditions and job demand that he not use the small getaway power he has. To him there will be not one melee, one moment of concentrated combat; to him those moments happen over and over again.

"We are too prone to think in terms of 'big' battles—of a landing at Salerno or Tarawa. To the individual soldier a dozen artillery shells landing near him, a few enemy machine guns trained in his direction, make for him a 'big' battle," he pointed out. "As 'great' a battle may be fought by a few soldiers over a few yards of front as though the battle were raging over miles of terrain.

"And that's what the front line soldier—the assaulting doughboy on the ground—is going up against hour after hour, day after day. He is fighting a 'great' battle over and over again," Colonel Stovall said. It is those almost constant battles, together with weather, the enemy of all soldiers, that is bringing out the best in the American doughboy, Colonel Stovall said.

## No Evidence Of Softness

"There is no evidence on the front line that we are a soft people," he continued. "I am being absolutely honest when I say that in no particular has the American soldier shown himself inferior to the best of the Nazi fighters. In endurance, bravery and every other quality a soldier must have, the American soldier will match his German adversary—and on most counts he has shown superiority.

"The American ground soldier has proved himself to be equal to any emergency. He's fought the enemy without asking or giving quarter and at the same time carried on the war against disease which is a bitter foe to any army. I wish everyone could realize that the man who slugs it out with the enemy on the front line, the combat trooper, is really the top hero of the all," he said.

"There's no glamor or glory in sweat, filth, wet feet, tired, aching bones and muscles. Then add to that the 'big' battle that every front line soldier goes through when he meets the enemy. When a man comes through all that and is ready for more, he's earned a glory he seldom receives."

One of the "great" battles which he said are going on almost hourly was fought for a small hill—rocky and steep—in the Gangi Heights sector of Sicily. Held by the Germans, its location made it a key point, Colonel Stovall explained.

## Small Space

"The space was so small and the area of maneuver so limited," he said, "that only two or three squads of men could be used. Time after time those few squads went up and over a small crest that had to be crossed in reaching the hill. Time after time the Germans beat them back.

"The leader of the small assaulting force called for artillery fire. Those men advanced, separated by only 25 yards from this concentrated fire. They had to do it to do the job. Of course, our own artillery fire caused casualties, but those were nothing to what the casualties would have been in this final assault without the artillery fire. Finally, late in the day, the Germans were driven

from the hill and our objective was reached.

"Now, by certain standards that was not a 'great' battle," Colonel Stovall admitted. "The space it was fought over was not more than 150 yards on the side. Yet the men taking part in that magnificent assault had fought in a 'great' battle. They knew all the terrors of war. It was the supreme test of courage. And that incident is not unusual. It's what the front line soldier, the doughboy, goes up against so often that, except for the terrific strain that is always present, it could be called routine."

In their retreat up the Italian peninsula, mines and booby traps are still being used extensively by the Germans, Colonel Stovall reported. Many traps are so ingeniously contrived that it is one of the instruments of death against which American troops must be on the alert constantly.

## On Advance

Explaining why American forces are not making use of the land mine and booby trap, Colonel Stovall said, "You must be quitting territory to sow booby traps, and the American Army is on the offensive—is taking territory, not quitting it."

Colonel Stovall was with the Armored Command at Fort Knox, Ky., before being assigned as a military observer in Sicily and Italy. He landed on Sicily with the First Infantry Division.

## GI Docs Overseas Aided by Medical History in Pictures

WASHINGTON—A medical history of the war, recording in photographs and drawings new surgical technique and unusual treatment of disease, is being compiled by members of the Museum and Medical Arts Service of the Army Medical Corps in the European Theater of Operations, the War Department announced this week.

Sgt. Joseph G. Nalepovic recently photographed a simplified method of applying plaster casts in the field. He made a series of 12 pictures in which the various stages of preparing and applying the plaster were demonstrated.

Drawings of a rare eye disease called coloboma, which is an unnatural growth in the interior of the eyeball, were made by Sgt. Clifton B. Potter.

"I climbed into a sterile gown and stood by the surgeon and looked over his shoulder. I didn't actually draw in the operating room, but took quick mental notes and transposed them later into sketches. These sketches were enlarged into pictures of each step in the operation," Sergeant Potter explained.

Capt. Ralph D. Reed, formerly a bacteriologist with the United States Public Health Service, with the aid of three photographers and two medical artists, has set an "art gallery," and dark room. He and his staff take motion pictures of any operation or treatment which are valuable for future study by Army doctors.

## Selection Boards Told Not to Make Assurances

WASHINGTON—The War Department has warned members of Army Specialized Training Program Field Selection Boards not to give assurances to candidates that they will be selected for ASTP.

Pointing out that changes in types of training required, modifications of qualifications and restrictions in the number of men permitted to participate all act to limit the number of men finally selected, the War Department also said in Circ. 327 (16 Dec. 43) that in many cases enlisted men have assumed that favorable recommendation by the board meant that they would be selected for training and were disappointed when this proved not to be true.



MOVING equipment and supplies across the present muddy terrain of Italy is a major problem of the Allied Armies facing the Nazis on the Italian front. Here is pictured, left background, with a muddy by-pass choked with traffic as a result of the bogging down of a 90 mm. anti-aircraft gun, which has partially slipped off what is being used as a road. The 2 1/2-ton truck in the foreground is managing to squeeze through and avoid a dangerous tie-up of traffic headed for the front.

## Ordnance Designs Ingenious Test For Tank Mines

WASHINGTON — An ingenious method for testing the effectiveness of antitank mines, used against enemy armored forces in Italy and the Southwest Pacific, has been devised by the Ordnance Department, the War Department announced this week.

Samples of the deadly traps are tested at Army Ordnance's vast Jefferson Proving Ground near Madison, Ind.

From a temporary tripod, heavy weights are suspended directly over the assembled mine from the vertex of the tripod and held in place by stout tape. Wires are strung from a cap fastened to the top of the tripod to a bomb proof shelter of steel and concrete a safe distance away. An electric current detonates the blasting cap, allowing the weights to fall on the mine. This action stimulates the weight of an enemy tank passing over the trap causing it to explode with a devastating roar.

The Jefferson Proving Ground, covering 56,000 acres, has as its mission the proof-testing of artillery

## His Army Job—To Mix Things Up

CAMP CROWDER, Mo.—Off-hand anyone would think S/Sgt. John Kavanagh's job—which consists of getting things all mixed up—leaves little to be desired, because a lot of soldiers are convinced they could do that without half trying, while dreaming about their next furlough or the girl back home.

But the sergeant's duty as an instructor in the teletype installation and maintenance course in Central Signal Corps School is to do purposely what others often do by accident. A part of his job is to get things properly tangled so his students can get the experience of straightening them out.

He manufactures trouble for teletype trouble shooters—students who must learn to fix—sometimes in the dark—almost any trouble that could occur in the complicated machines.

As a field of endeavor for the artist at gettings things mixed, teletype machines, most of which have around 3200 parts, offer obvious possibilities. Two hundred different types of trouble can be "put on" them, and Sgt. Kavanagh is no man to neglect any of those types. When his students quickly get their machines running smoothly again, Sgt. Kavanagh is a happy instructor, although the situation is strictly abnormal, and he must go to work once more.

MANY AN Army pigeon which has been hit by a bit of shell or by a sniper and wounded has brought its message through to the home loft.

## Men in Foxholes Keep Up On News

WASHINGTON—Divisional newspapers, usually a single sheet mimeographed on both sides, keep the soldiers of the Fifth Army abreast of current events, the War Department said this week.

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In explaining how the newspapers are published, Cpl. Robert Henderson said: "Our radio signalmen hear news directly from short-wave stations in the United States, and that news is printed that day in our Division's paper a few miles behind the lines. As soon as it is mimeographed it is rushed to the soldiers in the front lines.

"During the football season, soldiers were reading the results of the big football games played the preceding day in stadiums throughout the United States, while enemy shells whistled overhead."

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CAMP BLANDING, Fla.—Required reading for all M.P.'s at Camp Blanding is Elbert Hubbard's "A Message from Garcia." Lt. Col. Solette E. Minikes, director of internal security, says it inspires them to a firm sense of duty.

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## 1944—A Year For Victories

"Victory in 1944" has been predicted by General "Ike" Eisenhower in the European theatre.

The prediction has been met with mixed emotions. To the fighting men inching their way through the cold, sloppy Italian mud in the face of stiff German resistance it means the boxing is over and the knock-out punches are going to be tossed.

To the men, who are fighting insects and Japs in the South Pacific, it means that the day is growing nearer when island-hopping will no longer be necessary—that sometime in the future sufficient reinforcements will make it possible for Yank rifle butts to pound Tojo's door.

President Roosevelt's and Prime Minister Churchill's warnings that heavy casualties can be expected this year mean something to these men. They know that war is hell, that the incessant artillery fire, the scream of bombs, the smell of the dead and the cries of the wounded have no place in bedtime stories. They also know that only through enduring these noises and smells can victory be won—the victory which will make it possible for them to come home.

To many home frontiers sitting complacently on their profit-plushed dead ends it means that relatives and friends may not come home. It bothers them but not enough to jar them out of their "we've won the war" complacency.

War is irritating to them. They're without all the meat they want, automobiles, whiskey and other items. Many of them haven't made as much money as they would like to. The millions of man-hours lost in strikes and threats of other strikes testify to this attitude.

Even the political leaders have in many cases been engulfed in this wave of aloofness from the war. Most members of Congress appreciate that the victory in 1944 is going to be expensive. Some Congressmen are protesting its potential cost. Few evidently realize that it is individual soldiers who will be achieving that victory—soldiers with problems that must be settled and rights they wish to enjoy.

Congress took a Christmas vacation before providing for the soldiers. Unsolved are the problems of voting and mustering-out pay. They are still using servicemen's problems as a political football.

Thus 1943 comes to an end with the men and women in uniform appreciating just what 1944 holds in store for the Allies. It is hoped that the home and political fronts will coordinate their efforts through the coming year so the victory will be ours and that the sacrifices made by the fighting men will not be in vain.

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Someone figured out at one time that being able to read and write was worth \$1 a day, with the rates going up with each bit of additional knowledge you absorbed. Maybe it's hard to believe with that \$50-plus-beans you are drawing today but don't forget that your CO will probably be impressed by your interest in higher education, and none ever got busted for studying.

The military bosses say that talking about post-war is hush-hush at the present time but forgive us for cheating in reminding you that the more you know the better chance you will have for a good job when the shooting is over.

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## Ready On The Right . . .

You've heard about singing waiters—well, now it's a singing flatfoot. City Detective Ed H. Brown, Chattanooga, detects by day and sings at the opera at night. The reviewers handed him bouquets. Guilty feeling, eh, boys?

If you lose, double your bet and make the bookies happy. Bank teller David Silver, New York, gave the system a good work-out with the bank's money. He admits the bookies are \$3,850 happier.

The latest Turkish rumor has it that the German's secret weapon is a tunnel under the English channel.

The Second Army has enough pets

for a zoo. Listed on the morning report are three puppies, six squirrels, a snake, a deodorized skunk, turtles, terrapins and a groundhog.

The high cost of living doesn't bother Aunt Mary Smith, Warsaw, Mo. Aunt Mary has been carding and spinning the wool for socks and mittens for 72 years.

Two German soldiers on bicycles were spotted by a British bomber crew. They couldn't dip low enough to get their gun sights on them. "Hi, Len," shouted the bombardier. "Put down your wheels and run the blighters over."

1st-Sgt. Robert E. Payne approached a woman in Denver and said, "Pardon me, Miss . . ." He got bopped. The sergeant retreated without explaining that he was "Air-Wac" recruiting.

You were born too soon! Educators have agreed that 10 dates in American history are all that are worth

remembering. "Columbus sailed the ocean blue" and nine others.

A Buffalo inductee got away with it. Hailed before the judge for speeding, Chester Haibel said he was taking friends home from an induction party—his induction party. The judge suspended the sentence.

Seaman Ralph Puett had the taste of the sea in his mouth. He washed it out in various New York pubs. While laundrying his mouth he left a bundle on a bar. Four months and one trip later he got his bundle, containing \$1,100, back. The last he was seen Seaman Puett was washing the salty spray out of his mouth.

SOME movies sent to American soldiers overseas, prints from current Hollywood pictures, have their previews within sound of battle gunfire long before they appear on Broadway.

## "Writing On the Cliffs!"



## Movie Stuff

Men of the U. S. submarine service comprised the first audience to see "Destruction Tokyo" Warner Bros. picture about submarine operations in the Pacific, co-starring Cary Grant and John Garfield. The picture was previewed at the New London, Conn., submarine base before approximately 900 persons including submarine heroes who have sailed and fought in Japanese waters.

Twentieth Century-Fox has bought screen rights to the popular radio quiz show, "Take It or Leave It," to be used as the basis for a musical comedy in which Phil Baker will appear as master of ceremonies and outstanding highlights from former Fox pictures will be incorporated.

Lt. Col. Frank Capra's films on the Tunisian campaign will soon be ready for release. He's cutting the reelage in Hollywood with the assistance of Maj. Hugh Stewart of the British Army. The film will run 75 minutes.

"No leg art," said Constance Moore when the contract was being drawn up. So into the RKO Radio contract for her starring appearance with Eddie Cantor, George Murphy, Joan Davis, in "Show Business," went the clause absolving her from displaying her legs—either in the picture or advertising art.

With her it was an automatic request. When she first came from Dallas, Tex., at 16, she'd demanded the "no leg" clause in her contract, fearing that if members of the family saw her displaying her legs, they'd vote her recall.

But Cantor, producer as well as star of "Show Business," said what was a girl in show business without legs, and what was the matter with them.

"Nothing," said Miss Moore, and proved it.

So everybody decided Miss Moore was a big enough girl now to go against the family and stand on her own legs. The clause was stricken out of the contract. And "Show Business" will show why.

## Radio Roundup

Xavier Cugat, the master of Latin-American rhythm, isn't content to just stand on the podium and direct when his orchestra is making with the hot heat. Cugie occasionally runs over to the violin section, picks up a fiddle and joins in the production line himself.

In case you wonder, the week before Christmas provided an interesting statistical setup in the matter of how many times some of the favorites were played or sung on CBS: "Jingle Bells," 41 times; "Silent Night," 39; "The First Noel," 26; "Adeste Fideles," 22; "Joy to the World," 22; "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," 17; "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen," 12.

Bunk Fatigue Programs: NBC (all times are EWT): Cavalcade of America, with Don Voorhees (Monday 8 to 8:30 p.m.); The Telephone Hour, with Grace Moore (Monday, 9 to 9:30 p.m.); Beat the Band, with Hildegrade (Wednesday, 8:30 to 9 p.m.); The Kraft Music Hall, with Bing Crosby (Thursday, 9 to 9:30 p.m.); The New People Are Funny, with Art Linkletter (Friday, 9 to 9:30 p.m.).

CBS (all times are EWT): Friday on Broadway, featuring songs which have brought fame to Broadway's Tin Pan Alley (Friday, 7:30 to 8 p.m.); Three Ring Time, with Guy Lombardo (Monday, 10:30 to 11 p.m.); George Burns and Gracie Allen (Tuesday 9 to 9:30 p.m.); Suspense, from Hollywood (Thursday, 8 to 8:30 p.m.); Moore-Durante Show, with Georgie Gibbs (Friday, 10 to 10:30 p.m.); Blue Ribbon Town, with Groucho Marx (Saturday, 8 to 8:30 p.m.); Your Hit Parade (Saturday, 9 to 9:40 p.m.).

## Thought He Spotted Nazi Insignia; Twas Cardboard

IBIS, Calif.—Patriotic eyebrows lifted when a Los Angeles laundry worker spotted a Nazi eagle insignia, complete with miniature swastika, over the left breast pocket of an 11th Armored Division radio operator's overalls. "Hmmm . . . We'll see about this," somebody said. A letter was written to the soldier's commanding officer.

A check-up in B Battery of the 490th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, stationed here in the California-Arizona Maneuver Area, disclosed that some of the men in the unit had worn cardboard "German" insignia in a combat exercise. One of these markings went into the laundry on a uniform sent by Pfc. Harvey Mannteufel.

## Ah'm Here, Sir

LINCOLN AIR BASE, Nebr.—Feeling in fine fettle and in great voice, S/Sgt. Sam Levine, physical training instructor for the 331st B. Hq. and A. B. Squadron, was calling the roll for his morning grunt and groan class, when he came to a name not any too legible. Sam unconsciously! "Ah-h-h-h-ed." "Here!" shouted a quick on the trigger GI Joe. Sam chuckled and continued down the list.

## Letters

Gentlemen:

Seventeen soldiers wish to express their gratitude to a swell group of GIs at Walterboro Army Air Base who went out of their way to feed and lodge us at 1:00 on a cold Sunday morning. We were stranded in a small town—Yemassee, S. C.—with no lodgings available. It was late at night and Walterboro is 25 miles away.

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I thought it would be a good gesture to be able to have these boys thanked in print in your exchange column.

We wish to express thanks to Pvt. Wayman, Sgt. Gormally, S/Sgt. Jones and Cpl. Kilmer of the Walterboro Army Air Field for having fed and lodged us on the cold Sunday morning of Dec. 19.

Seventeen Grateful Soldiers  
By Cpl. Bernard Zerden  
Daniel Field, Ga.

Gentlemen:

While reading the December 11 issue of the Army Times, I came across an article about Pfc. James T. Byland of the 20th Armored Division being chosen five consecutive times as colonel's orderly for being the best-dressed soldier at guard mount.

While that is very fine and I congratulate him on his individual record, we have a soldier here in the Sixth Armored Division who was chosen eight consecutive times as colonel's orderly. His name is Pfc. Harold L. Law of Btry. B, 231st AFA. He served as orderly to Lt. Col. Robert L. Perkins, commanding officer. On top of that, he was chosen as orderly to Maj. Gen. Grow, Commanding General of the Sixth Armored Division. I think his is an enviable record and should get honorable mention in the Times.

Pfc. Wm. J. Downey  
APO 256, Camp Cooke, Calif.

Gentlemen:

I have been requested by a soldier who is now overseas to mail him a subscription to your paper, the Army Times.

This item is an inquiry as to whether you mail your paper overseas. If so, upon your reply I will mail you the address of this soldier and the cost of the subscription with a request for you to please mail copies directly to him.

Incidentally, I want to tell you that the office in which I am employed subscribes to your paper and I, being the fortunate one to receive the mail, read it avidly with much enjoyment and then turn it over to the one for whom it is intended. Being very much an "army gal," the information given in your paper is very important to me.

Sarah Maskowitz  
2121 Beekman Place  
Brooklyn, New York

Gentlemen:

Allow me to criticize a critic. T/Sgt. M. P. Cannon in the Dec. 4 issue had misgivings (?), (forebodings of evil) over the appearance of items concerning EM's pay under the new dependency law. Why?

To begin, such items are interesting and harmless and so justify being printed. T/Sgt. Cannon based his attack on the amount being "drammed up." On the contrary, the item in The Army Times was an actual case, thus having news value. If the author's purpose was to dream up such pay, his soldier could have outdrawn a general officer. Give a M/Sgt. 30 years longevity, 12 children (or more), foreign service, flying pay, and as many medals as you wish at \$2 per month per medal. What do you get? \$591.60 is the answer. Dependency benefits are paid. The fact that the EM's accumulated pay exceeded only the officer's base pay does not invalidate the item's news value.

And remember, an EM gets his quarters and subsistence in kind. If an officer lives and eats on the field, he gets no extra allowance. So, an EM gets either that much more or an officer gets that much less pay in any comparison.

Cpl. Bernard Zerden  
Army Air Field,  
Venice, Fla.

(Army Times has nothing more to say. Ed.)

Gentlemen:

I've got a gripe at the Army Times. When I read it I fail to see any mention of the U. S. forces in Iran. We are doing a great job over here. Although we are not doing any fighting we are doing our part. Have you ever tried working in intense heat? Or dust? You should give us a write-up occasionally. We have one of the toughest assignments Uncle Sam could hand out.

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### 30 Lectures On Bill

Approximately 30 lectures were given to the GIs, ranging from magic to music and including makeup and minstrelsy. Devised for the purpose of developing greater entertainment programs for and by GIs, the seminar on show business was under the supervision of Lt. Col. William M. Beveridge, Chief, Special Services Division, Ninth Service Command, Capt. Chester K. Dowse, NSC Theater Officer, and Capt. Richard Grant, NSC Music Officer.

The conference itself was coordinated and arranged by enlisted men. S/Sgt. Chip Cleary, editor of Man o'War, Camp Santa Anita, soldier paper, and former Hollywood and Broadway writer, was placed on detached service by Gen. David McCoach Jr., CG of the Ninth Service Command, with S/Sgt. Ben Oakland, Special Services, San Bernardino Air Service Command, and former Hollywood songwriter, to obtain the lecturers and prepare the material to be presented.

In the three-day course, George Jessel, now a motion picture producer, discussed the problems of being a master of ceremony and gave the GIs tips on how to produce shows with limited talent and facilities. Known among the legerdemain gentry as authorities on magic, William Larson and Gerald Kosky showed how to work escape tricks, stressing improvisation so as to minimize the need of props.

### Use Untrained Talent

Howard Deighton, now chief book-er of USO-Camp Shows from the West Coast and former stage manager for Earl Carroll for 16 years, discussed stage management. Barry Trivers, writer of Florenz Ziegfeld's "Follies" and now a screen writer, gave the GIs a lecture on writing shows of all kinds. Danny Dare, producer of the intimate Broadway revue, "Meet The People" and a movie director, taught the conferees how to routine and stage musical revues.

J. Edward Bromberg, world famous actor and director, spoke on directing shows utilizing untrained talent, and to prove his point he presented a scene from the Broadway hit, "Three Men On A Horse," using five newly-inducted Army rookies as the cast, with Kitty McHugh, screen star, as the only woman. The rookies were obtained from the Fort MacArthur reception center by Sergeant Cleary, and given six rehearsals. The "talent" had worked in civilian life as a drummer, a grocery clerk, a kid instructor, a messenger boy and a student.

Perc Westmore, who is regarded as Hollywood's greatest makeup expert, lectured and demonstrated on the subject, stressing the fact that GIs did not need makeup kits in order to stage a show. Westmore used as props materials obtained from a mess hall kitchen, a camp paint shop and from QM. He was assisted in his demonstration by his brother, Wally, also a makeup artist, and Hank Mann, who now makes up Bette Davis and other movie stars. Using GI materials they made up a

WAC as a boy, and a dogface as a chorus girl.

### See Demonstrations

The GIs also saw demonstrations by top men in each field of glee clubs, puppet shows, costuming, dance directing, writing of comedy, songwriting and other phases of show business. Their teachers were such persons as Eddie Cantor, Jinx Falkenberg, Skinny Ennis, LeRoy Prinz and Judith Anderson.

Before leaving for their installations, the enlisted men and WACs were guests at the Masquers Club in Hollywood for dinner and a show, which included such outstanding performers as stars Edward Arnold, Ned Sparks, Alexis Smith, Jose Iturbi and many others. The GIs were served their meal by young starlets from the motion picture studios.

In closing the conference, Colonel Beveridge told the enlisted men and WACs:

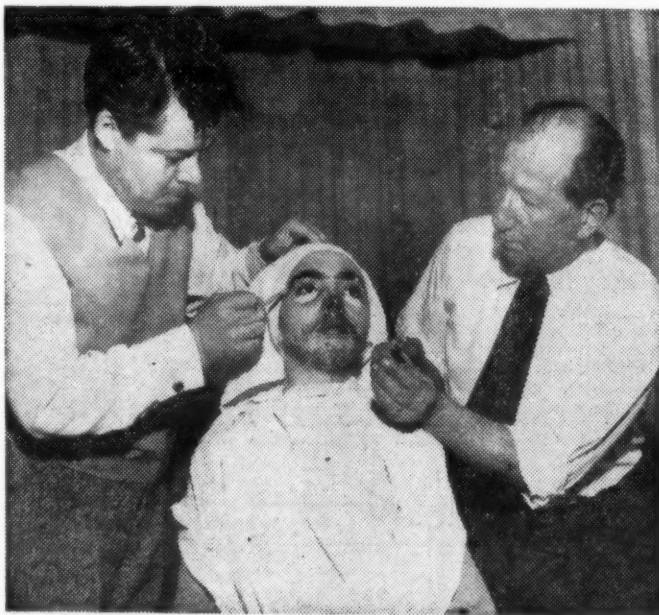
"There hasn't been enough entertainment created, produced and staged by enlisted men, for enlisted men, and there will have to be more of it because professional talent from the outside will be, in the majority of cases, going overseas and that

leaves very little for home distribution.

### Show Business Can't Do All

"Show business has done a magnificent job of entertaining soldiers and helping to build morale, but we can't expect show business to keep on carrying the ball alone, all the time. We've got to contribute more ourselves, and I think you have learned from this three-day school more about entertainment than you probably knew before. It should help you develop more entertainment, and as you have been shown it can be done. And done without expensive props, or with dependence upon so-called professional talent. I hope you will put to full use what you have learned here. The conference was devised for you, and from it we hope all enlisted men will eventually benefit in the creation of better entertainment by and for them."

The entire conference was recorded for later platter pressing, and a stenotypist was at all classes. Her transcribed notes will be edited and reproduced in book form by the Special Services Division of the Ninth Service Command for distribution to all camps and stations.



PERC WESTMORE AND HANK MANN  
Their victim is a WAC

## Aliens Get Citizenship While On Foreign Soil—with Army

**PHILADELPHIA**—For the first time in history, the title of citizen of the United States has been conferred, by special arrangement, on thousands of aliens outside the nation's borders.

Earl G. Harrison, Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, announced that some 46,000 aliens in the armed services in this country had been granted citizenship since the beginning of the war period, but 3,678 had been made citizens outside the borders of the United States.

Dr. Henry B. Hazard, special representative of the Service, has been travelling through the combat areas, and also visiting United States outposts, with powers to confer citizenship. His mission has been praised by generals in the areas visited as one of the greatest morale builders in the war. His work was made possible by the Second War Powers Act of March, 1942, which abridged the naturalization require-

ments for aliens and empowered officials to confer citizenship on men and women outside the country under certain conditions.

Sixty-five nationalities were represented among the 3,678 special cases. Canadians were the largest group, with 936. Italians came next with 383, and Mexicans third with 333. Other large groups were Germans, with 322, and Poles, with 191.

Wherever possible fitting ceremonies were arranged by commanding officers in celebration of the work. In one case 10,000 soldiers were marched in review as 500 aliens became Americans in North Africa.

**AERIAL** Evacuation of wounded from the global battle area has been so successful in saving lives that its use is to be greatly extended, according to Brig. Gen. David N. W. Grant, air surgeon of the Army Air Forces.

## ALL PRESENT OR ACCOUNTED FOR

Pfc. David Robbins, a Coast Artillery Command truck driver in the PANAMA CANAL ZONE, has great faith in his Army serial number. He has a "feeling" about it, and so each week for many months he has played the last four digits of the number—3641—in the Panama National Lottery. His reward has been about an even break. Last week Robbins scoured the streets of Colon in a vain quest for tickets bearing the desired number. Finally he had to compromise by taking the nearest number, 3441. It paid off \$1000. His serial number won nothing.

At NORTH CAMP POLK, La., 1st Sgt. Herman E. Engers, Jr., has been awarded a new name, "Mary." No, he hasn't a lamb, but a little pig, "Porky," is always at his heels when the top kick makes his inspections of the troop area. When Sergeant Engers is busy in the orderly room, Porky hangs 'round outside waiting for him.

Pvt. John Terry, Co. A, 56th Medical Training Battalion, CAMP BARKELEY, Tex., was walking guard in the battalion area when he spotted a figure in the darkness. "Halt," he called. And then: "Advance and be recognized." No motion from the figure. Finally Terry had an inspiration. "Are you from Company D?" he inquired. "No," came back the quiet reply, "I'm from Minnesota."

Punsters in the 244th Field Artillery Battalion, at CAMP GORDON, Ga., claim that their unit is the only Field Artillery Battalion always ready to put to sea. They have a private Yot. Pvt. Yot Lai J. is a Chinese soldier in Battery A.

Pfc. Wally Shramek, bugler of the 30th Veterinary General Hospital, CAMP CARSON, Colo., was all ready to sound "first call" for breakfast on a recent Sunday morning. He bulged his cheeks, pursed his lips and let go. The result was a timid bleat, like a lamb or a small pig. Somehow a good-sized turnip had found its way into the bell of the bugle since he had last used it.

S/Sgt. Donald Korn, CAMP BRECKINRIDGE, Ky., is nothing if not versatile. In addition to his soldier's duties he plays the organ on Sundays in a chapel. He also leads a 12-piece dance band and is captain of football and basketball teams.

On a recent night problem at FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo., the words "High" and "Grass" were being used by an artillery battalion as password and countersign. Approaching a sentry at a remote post, an officer performed his half of the transaction by muttering a muted "High." The sentry, who had been all business up to that point, suddenly relaxed, with a broad smile of welcome and announced: "Why, hello, Captain Danford."

Don't try to tell Cpl. Paul Poling of CAMP BRECKINRIDGE, Ky., anything about the perils of pre-holiday travel. He already knows. The corporal left camp for Columbus, O., on a three-day pass but never got farther than the local railway station. "I value life and limb," he declared, coming back to the barracks. "Trying to get aboard a train these days is worse—a lot worse—than combat soldiering."

The Army teaches its men to be cool and collected—in battle. It gives no instruction in how to be that way in a marriage ceremony. One private who would probably be the essence of efficiency on the front was standing with his bride-to-be before the altar in an MRTC chapel at CAMP BARKELEY, Tex., shaking with nervousness as he repeated the vows intoned by the chaplain. "I take this woman to be my AWFUL wife," he stuttered. It is reported that the chaplain and the bride-to-be almost fainted.

Maj. Myron N. Butler, judge advocate of the 71st Division, CAMP CARSON, Colo., is convinced that a local tailor is flying a bit off the beam. He purchased a new blouse and sent it to the shop to be altered. When it came back it was adorned with—an Air Corps shoulder insignia, a set of first sergeant's stripes and four, no less, good conduct ribbons.

They're talking about a new type of GI clothing at CAMP CHAFFEE, Ark. The question had been asked: "What is used as protection against gas attack?" One answer, "Gas masks," had already been given. When it came the turn of Pvt. George Pckarski, of Company C, 787th Training Battalion, he looked blank for a moment, then his face lighted up with inspiration. "Pregnant clothing," he shouted to his officer.

A humble hen's egg, no less, carried a love message to Pvt. Lewis H. Burns, of Company B, 15th Battalion, FORT BRAGG, N. C. Burns was cracking eggs for a horde of hungry inductees. A thousand maledictions on hens and his sad fate had tumbled in his South Carolina drawl from a lonesome heart. And then—one egg, of the thousands in the cases at his feet, had a message

penned by a lonesome Iowa farm lass, probably dreaming of a soldier Prince Charming, with name and address added. First one letter passed. Now they are said to travel back and forth frequently, and are likely to bring the maiden's wish before long.

Cpl. Larry Spivack, of the Public Relations office staff at CAMP GORDON JOHNSTON, Fla., is not only an artist of considerable repute, but he also has a soft heart, particularly where kids are concerned. When he saw some school kids selling War Savings Stamps one cold morning on a busy Tallahassee corner, with a most unattractive sign, he beat it to a convenient corner drug store, borrowed a bit of cardboard and a pencil, and designed a card. Then he phoned the Daily Democrat and told the city desk there was a good human interest story at that corner for the taking—and disappeared. The kids sold over \$250 worth of bonds and stamps in their drive toward the purchase of a \$937 jeep.

There was the usual call for "Volunteers" among the men of Company A, 41st Tank Battalion, 11th Armored Division, CAMP IBI, Calif. The men were suspicious and thought about cleaning weapons by lamp light on the cold sands of the California-Arizona maneuver area. However, eight "brave fellows" stepped out, to the derision of their company mates. Then the lieutenant announced that this was a slightly different kind of detail. For stepping forward the men were to go to a USO dance in Needles, Calif., and their transportation had been arranged in advance.

WAC recruit officers in SPRINGFIELD, Mass., couldn't understand, for a time why recruiting dropped on WAC day instead of jumping up, as it was expected to. Then someone noticed that the major's proclamation had called on women to enlist "to relieve many able young soldiers for more active cuties."



**ONE** four-day furlough in 26 years! That, me lads, is the amazing record of Sgt. Peter Zelazo, 81st "Wildcat" Infantry Division Band trumpeter. Sergeant Zelazo has been in service almost continually since 1917, but has applied for, and received, only one four-day furlough, which was granted December, 1917, six months after he enlisted. "I like the Army and I like my music," he said, "and I felt that if I took too much time off I might go stale with my instrument."

## Signal Corps Is Meeting Battle Tests, Says Ingles

**CAMP CROWDER, Mo.**—The succinctly truthful title of Capt. Ralph Ingersoll's book, "The Battle Is the Pay-off," applies to the Signal Corps as it does to the other arms or services, Maj. Gen. Harry C. Ingles, chief signal officer, said in a brief interview during a visit here for conferences with heads of various divisions of the Central Signal Corps Training Center, and for inspection of certain phases of training.

The fact that in the battle test "the men have been meeting their missions, shows that our training methods are basically sound," General Ingles said.

Stacks of comments in his files and contacts with men who have learned first-hand the way in which missions are being carried out are testimonials as to the basic correctness of the training, he added, but the effort goes on continuously to make field training here simulate with the greatest possible exactness the conditions men will meet later in actual combat.



## Column of Poets

### A Private's Point of View

A short time back the most of us,  
Were in civilian clothes,  
Now war has changed our daily lives,  
As everybody knows.

We ate the food we liked the best,  
Not what we had to take,  
We never stood in line like this,  
With knife and fork and plate.

And girls they seemed so plentiful,  
Not scarce and seldom seen,  
We then could come and go at will,  
Not dig our own latrine.

Our daily work when it was done,  
We got into our car,  
And drove where e'er we cared to go,  
But not while in this war.

Now seldom do we go to town,  
In camp from morn 'til night,  
But when we get a week-end pass,  
There's not a bus in sight.

We wait in line on Saturdays,  
And hope the bus will come,  
Sometimes we catch the bloomin' thing,  
And other times we run.

To take a bath is now a treat,  
A drink of Scotch is rare,  
Top prices for the precious stuff,  
M. P.'s get in your hair.

A wee cigar costs eighteen cents,  
Not worth a five cent piece,  
I told that to a P. X. clerk,  
Who was my captain's niece.

I never took such bawlings out,  
I always spoke my mind,  
But now I'm doing Kitchen Police,  
An awful daily grind.

Prerogatives they say we have,  
To gripe our perfect right,  
But when we do our share of it,  
We almost run from fright.  
MAJ. EDWARD J. H. NEWMAYER,  
Camp Polk, La.

### Song of the Gallopin' Cubes

Oh the Clickin' Cubes! the Clickin' Cubes!  
That rattle the whole night long!  
You gather about, and you bring them out;  
Then hear them sing their song.

Oh why do ye toll! oh why do ye toll!  
When music is in the air;  
My corners are round, my 'levens abound;  
When ye cast me true and fair.

On the Velvet Green! On the Velvet Green!  
As I patter and bounce and click,  
Your once-lean purse will not grow worse,  
For I will stuff it thick.

Oh the Winter Wind! Oh the Winter Wind!  
Won't cut you through and through,  
For warmth is spread as naturals shed  
All over the pave for you.

In the old Barn Yard! In the old Barn Yard!  
Come, fief' han's, rally roun',  
An' speakin' low, caress me so  
I leap to the joyful soun'.

Oh the Birdies Sweet! Oh the Birdies Sweet!  
Chanting in early June—  
For a stealthy twist of a skilful wrist  
In winter I'll sing my tune.

Oh why are Ye Sad! Oh why are Ye Sad!  
'Tis they who are made to cry,  
Hear the patter neat, like baby feet,  
As I pass, your tears to dry.

Come wake My Friends! Come wake My Friends!  
And rattle me up a bit;  
Just hold me so, then let me go,  
And I'm bound to be a hit.

Oh how can you weep? Oh how can you weep?  
When joy should reign supreme;  
My sides are fat with sevens pat,  
I'm cryin' to waste some stream.

Oh the Clickin' Cubes! Oh the Clickin' Cubes!  
That rattle the whole night long,  
You gather about and you bring them out;  
Then hear them sing their song.  
Harry Parker in  
The Stars and Stripes

UNDERWATER noises made by fish, which are said to "purr, grunt, and grind their teeth," set up vibrations which often lead submarine crews to think a ship's propeller is nearby. The Navy has recorded a series of fish noises to aid the men at submarine earphones to distinguish between an ichthyological burp and an enemy propeller.



ROUNDING UP THE BRONCS  
Soldiers will play where the ponies galloped  
—Signal Corps Photo.

### Speeded by Air

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—"Speeded to you via air."

That's what it says on one of the little tags partly stuck on the outer wrapping of a Christmas package received here Dec. 24 by Pfc. Theodore J. Normand, just one year and three days after it was mailed at Marquette, Mich.

The package traveled from Marquette to the West Coast, then to the East Coast, and finally caught up with Normand at Stewart. It always was about one camp behind him during his numerous transfers in the past year.

Norman's wife, Gertrude, sent the cigarettes as a last-minute gift a year ago.

### Beckers and Deckers Get Badly Mixed Up

CAMP BARKELEY, Tex.—The confusion resulting from one phone call to MRTC Personnel has yet to be straightened out.

A woman's voice asked for "Lieutenant Colonel Decker."

Lt. Col. W. C. Becker, the MRTC Adjutant General, went to the phone, to be greeted with, "Is this Chaplain Decker?"

Colonel Becker said that he was not Chaplain Decker, but offered to find out for her where she could get in touch with Lieutenant Colonel Decker the 12th Armored Div. chaplain.

The information was phoned to the woman, but a new misunderstanding resulted. After she was convinced that it was not Colonel Decker but Colonel Becker whose office she was calling, she said, "Well, who is this speaking?"

"This is Sergeant Becker," came back the reply, and a new series of explanations had to be made.

T/Sgt. Thomas Becker is assigned to Colonel Becker's office, and he is still a bit confused.

### Stray Bullet Sets Off Cease Firing Signal

FORT BENNING, Ga.—Col. Raymond C. Hamilton, former Chief of the Weapons Section of the Infantry School, tells this story that he heard during his recent trip to the African theatre of war as the President of the Army Ground Force Board:

"German artillery was shelling an American position with considerable effect when an infantryman, seeking better cover, leaped into a shell crater. As he did, a bullet pierced his canteen, creased his back and touched off a color smoke signal which he carried. A dense blue smoke arose immediately and the German artillery stopped firing. Blue was the color signal of that day for the German artillery to cease firing."

### Menninger Named Head Of Neuropsychiatric

WASHINGTON—Lt. Col. William C. Menninger, Medical Corps, has been appointed Chief of the Neuropsychiatric Branch in the Office of The Surgeon General, the War Department announced this week.

Colonel Menninger, who has been neuropsychiatric consultant for the Fourth Service Command, with headquarters at Atlanta, Ga., since he was called to active duty Nov. 10, 1942, fills the vacancy created by the death of Col. Roy D. Halloran, Medical Corps, a month ago.

### Engineers' New Job Dismantling Carousel

CAMP GORDON JOHNSTON, Fla.—Camp Belle, satellite unit of Camp Gordon Johnston pulled an odd round-up last week—hobby horses.

One hundred men from the 564th Engineer Boat Maintenance Battalion took down a merry-go-round. It was part of Carrabelle's carnival that was moved one hundred yards west to make room for a sports-playing field that heralds a new deal in sports for Camp Belle soldiers.

It happened this way. Camp Belle located in a small area on the water front, has no room for athletics. Aware of this, Capt. John W. Dalton, Brigade Special Service Officer, wondered why the full size, ready-graded ball park complete with grandstand right there in Carrabelle, couldn't be used for a more suitable purpose than the site of a one-horse carnival that had long been declared off limits to Camp Belle soldiers.

Investigation through the Carrabelle Merchant's Association found that the ball park had been constructed several years ago with PWA funds. That was all the Captain needed to know.

### Pigeons Being Trained At Gordon Johnston

CAMP GORDON JOHNSTON, Fla.—More than 30 thoroughbred Army-trained pigeons have "settled" at Gordon Johnston after having joined the brigade where they have been installed in a mobile loft on a pier. They are under the direct charge of Pigeonmaster Pfc. Leonard Shield, lover of the Signal Corps.

One officer and six enlisted men arrived here recently from Camp Edison, N. J., with the pigeons. They are out to demonstrate the value of pigeons in Engineer Special Brigade communication work.



VIEWING the real thing (or a close facsimile), troops at the Engineer Unit Training Center, Camp Clairborne, La., crawling under overhead fire on the Center's infiltration course face machine gunners clad in Nazi uniforms, which add a touch of grim realism. Shown above are Pfc. Roy H. Robertson at the trigger of the .30 calibre machine gun with Pvt. Joseph Valente feeding the live ammunition.

—Army Photo from EUTC Photo Lab.

## LIFE AT THE FRONT

Reports On Fighting Men  
From All Over The World

### The Appian Way

SOMEWHERE IN ITALY—The Appian Way, over which the Roman Legions marched their way to conquest, where fashionable courtesans raced in chariots to revel in the pleasures of Rome, now rumbles under the tread of American tanks. Today, legions from far-off America march over the same road over which the proudest of the Caesars rode. The Appian Way was built in 312 B. C. From Rome it led south through the fever-ridden swamps of the Pontine marches along the coast to Terracina. Then it curved over to Capua on the Volturna River and from there inland and across Italy's "ankle" to end at Brindisi on the southeast coast along the Adriatic. Some sections of it are still readily passable, even for American tanks. But other sections, such as that to Brindisi have been allowed to drop into disuse so that today scarcely any trace remains of them.

### Soldier Singers Popular

LIVERPOOL, England—More than 3,000 British people crowded the cathedral here, one of the largest in England, on November 25, Thanksgiving Day, to hear a choir of American Negro soldiers, on a return engagement. It was the second concert, by the way, ever given in the cathedral. In its first concert, the choir drew the largest audience ever admitted to the building. Each man of the choir was presented by Dr. Frederick W. Dwelly, dean of the cathedral, with an engraved medalion bearing the cathedral's coat of arms.

### Swank Guards

ALGIERS—Resplendent in their white helmets, white gloves, lanyards and leggings, the men of a crack military police company alertly guard Allied Force Headquarters here. They man two dozen guard posts, direct traffic serve as honor guards and special escorts for visiting notables and conduct weekly patrols in suburban districts of the city. The men of the company have been carefully selected for their intelligence and their ability to carry themselves well. It takes a man of no mean mental powers to direct a visitor through the AFHQ offices at the St. George hotel. Aside from this, they must memorize the important streets and traffic routes of the city, must remember addresses and store up general information so that they can answer the host of questions asked daily. For the snappy guards of honor and military escorts the company has turned out. It has received the commendation of a score of world figures, including Prime Minister Churchill and King George VI.

### Fags Saved His Life

WITH THE 165th INFANTRY ON MAKIN ATOLL—Pvt. Ulysses A. Dawes owes his life to two cigarettes. He was carrying two packages of a popular brand in the grenade pocket slung across his back. After some brisk action here, he took out the outer package and found a jagged hole through it from front to back. The inner package was also punctured, but only half way through. A Jap bullet was lodged among the torn cigarettes.

### Disastrous Christmas

WITH THE AMERICAN INFANTRY BEYOND SAN PIETRO, Italy—A party of Germans celebrated Christmas too well on Christmas Eve and are now prisoners of the Yanks as a result. A patrol of 16 Americans stole into the German lines. Lt. Frank S. Greenlee tells the story. "We came upon a farmhouse where no lights were showing but could hear the sounds of drunken revelry from within. We sneaked as close as we could to make sure who was in there. The house was filled with Germans making whoopee, clinking their glasses as they drank their schnapps. We surrounded the house and let loose. The Germans tried to fight, but many were killed and wounded and others were carried back to the American lines."

### He Was Tough—and Tender

SOMEWHERE IN ITALY—A lanky, hardened-looking corporal shivering by the stove in the front-line aid station. He was feverish even when he was shivering. "Damn funny way for me to get pulled out," he said. "I thought sure I'd get it from shrapnel or a Jerry slug, and once I was sure I'd be run through by a Jerry bayonet. But I beat him to it." He shivered again and went on. "We were going up a hill and the lines had become confused. A fellow and I climbed a wall, fell over and landed square in a Jerry machine gun pit. The Jerry shot my pal in the leg but before he could finish him off I got Jerry with my bayonet. Couldn't draw out the blade, so I had to break it off. I got six more Jerries that night. And then," the lean doughboy went on, "a case of shivers gets me. Guess I need my old lady to tell me when to come in out of the rain."

### Interesting Job

LONDON—When the WACs arrived in the European theatre, they expected to find a few unofficial extra curricular duties, such as darning the socks of GI boy friends. Some of them are doing things like that. Pvt. Barbara O'Brien, however, perhaps has the most unusual job of all. She was a draftsman in civil life. Now she is utilizing the experience she picked up in that profession to paint emblems and names on Marauder medium bombers at nearby air bases.

### Real Mud, This

SOMEWHERE IN ALASKA—"Speaking of temperature extremes in the tropics," noted S/Sgt. Charles G. Livingston who has been working for a year on an obscure stretch of the Alcan highway. "We had a range of from 70 above to 70 below. Transportation in the area was largely by dog sleds, with pack horses and airplanes helping out, until the highway became passable. Even then we had our troubles, particularly when the frost went out of the ground and the mud opened up. I've seen mud deep enough to completely bury a 20-ton caterpillar truck."

### To Promote Understanding

LONDON—A new picture, "Welcome to Britain" has just been made by the Office of War Information, financed by the British Treasury, and presented as a gift by the British War Office to the United States Army. Capt. Burgess Meredith, American stage and screen star, is the leading light, and on the screen is a private who shows his brother GIs how not to win friends and influence people in England. He demonstrates how important it is that a soldier should remember that food is rationed when he is invited to a meal in British homes. The film deals with the color question and gives the British view which is a bit broader than the American. Again, the picture deals with "The Painted Perils of Piccadilly" as the London press calls the street walkers of the West End. The film will be shown to American soldiers all over Britain, with a view to promoting a better understanding between the soldier guests and the British hosts.

### 5 Brothers at One Camp

CAMP BOWIE, Tex.—A member of the Station Complement has four brothers in the armed service, and all stationed at this camp. He is "Lucky Tiger," the feline mascot of the 1853d. Luck and one of his brothers get regular rations from their mess halls. The other three are on "detached service" on the Camp Bowie range.



## Part of 'Underground':

## He 'Invaded' Germany, Fought Nazis Long Ago

By SGT. JAY M. GOLDBERG

FORT KNOX, Ky.—Pvt. Theodor Marsh, Co. B, 1st Bn., Armored Replacement Training Center trainee, is one man who really knows what it means to fight Nazis.

He fought them in the "underground" inside Germany, and battled Hitler's forces in all but five days of the Spanish war.

"I was in Paris in the spring of 1936 setting up exhibitions for the International Exposition," Private Marsh recalled, "when the opportunity came for me to actively oppose Nazism."

## Told How to Sabotage

Marsh, a construction engineer from Toronto, Canada, knew several languages from previous trips abroad, and spoke German fluently. He took instructions with him to the Krupp munitions works in Essen, instructions to anti-Nazi laborers telling how to sabotage ammunition production.

"They had switched the password," Marsh said, "and my contact man had omitted telling me about it. So on the way out I gave the wrong words. Guards took me to Gestapo headquarters, where they administered their special brand of questioning to me. This included questioning designed to get information from me about underground activities, intermittently showered with severe beatings with a rubber hose."

When Marsh refused to be an informer, the Nazis piled him into a truck late that night to be taken to another town for further "questioning." During the journey a front tire blew out.

"My guards weren't too bright—don't think the Gestapo are all so masterful," he said. "When they told me to get a spare tire from the rear of the truck, I struck out instead for the nearby countryside. The guards and driver fired at me, but luckily I wasn't hit and kept going until I got to the Rhine river."

## Swam River

Sighting guards at the Rhine, Private Marsh dove into the river and started swimming.

"Huge cakes of ice were floating in the water," he recalled, "and these aided me in dodging bullets fired at me by the river patrol. Once over on the Swiss side, I produced my water-soaked international passport."

After recuperating he made his way to Spain to join the Loyalists, who were fighting Nazi and Italian troops sent to Franco's aid. Starting as a private in a machine gun company, Marsh worked up to a Captaincy. Dr. Negren, then President of the Spanish Republic, cited Private Marsh for having killed or wounded more of the enemy in action than any other man in the Loyalist army.

"I've handled every kind of tank in combat except the American make," the veteran-trainee said, "and now I'm happy to have the chance to do that."

In one battle, 12 Nazi tanks were scouted by Marsh in the dark, coming down a very narrow road. As the tanks approached Loyalist units,

one of the Germans yelled out in Spanish for the men to come down and get some food, that they were friendly troops. Many of the soldiers approached the tanks and when fairly close, were mowed down by machine gun fire. Marsh saw this from the side of a hill where he was perched.

"When the convoy started up again, I raced down to the road, climbed on the back of the lead tank, and copying a typical Nazi trick, I called out in German for them to open up, that I had some new orders for them. When the tank commander opened the hatch, I tossed in hand grenades and leaped into the ravine beside the road," Marsh said.

## Machine-Gunned Them

He went on: "In a few seconds the lead tank was in a bad way. The convoy halted. Germans dismounted from the other tanks to find out what it was all about. I got hold of a machine gun, and gave 'em a dose of their own medicine."

The only five days he was out of action was when he was being attended for wounds at a first aid station. Pvt. Marsh returned to Canada after getting his release through an exchange of internationals.

Pvt. Marsh has been working on new action in a machine gun to increase the firing speed and eliminate stoppages. His ideas are based on combat experiences.

"I hope the government accepts this gun for trial," the sharp-eyed soldier averred. "It will kill Nazis faster, and the more Germans we kill the sooner we'll have peace again."

## 67-Year-Old Sarge Enlisted As Private in 3 U. S. Wars

CAMP SANTA ANITA, Cal.—The only man in the U. S. to enlist as a private in the last three wars is Sgt. Eugene Mann, on special duty with Camp Santa Anita's Special Service Branch in the library.

Since 1898, Mann has been a GI three times; as a corporal in the Spanish-American war; a second lieutenant in the First World War and this time, so far, a buck sergeant. He'll be 67 years old next month, but he's still physically fit.

## Not a Professional

Mann is not a professional soldier. He's a wealthy retired businessman, president of five corporations and socially prominent Washington statesman who simply feels better about being in uniform than in civilian togs.

He usually winters with Mrs. Mann in Los Angeles, where he's a member of the exclusive Wilshire Country Club and an ardent and skillful golfer. He belongs to a half dozen other clubs, too. "But that's out for the duration," he said. "I just wouldn't feel right being an idle civilian these days. There's too much at stake in this war. I figure every man who can should help

## Nurses at Campbell Pay Tribute to Wacs In Gift of Coupe

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.—The spirit of Christmas, 1943, manifested itself in an unusual manner at Camp Campbell when the "First Ladies" of the Army, the Army Nurse Corps, paid tribute to the Women's Army Corps. The gift was an expression of appreciation for the courtesy extended the nurses by the members of the WAC stationed at Camp Campbell during the time the Nurse Corps was assigned to the camp for special training.

The happy recipient of the gift, a '36 model Plymouth coupe, is T/5 Mary E. Knight, a driver in the Motor Pool section of the 1580th Service Unit, WAC Ordnance Section. Mary, whose personality and courteous conduct is pleasing to all with whom she comes in contact, was completely unaware of the impression she was making.

The Lieutenants playing the role of Santa were Lt. Dolores Carnes, Lt. Marvel Rhymers and Lt. Mary A. Cooper. They were all formerly stationed at Camp Bowie, Texas, before coming to Camp Campbell, and jointly owned the auto.

T/5 Knight says she was too excited to make comment when she was first told of the gift. She remembers, however, that the nurses said they hoped that she and her WAC friends would have as much fun as they had had with the car. The automobile has six-months paid-up insurance and a supply of gas coupons.

## Former CW Chief Dies

WASHINGTON—Major Harry Lorenzo Gilchrist, U. S. Army, retired, former Chief of the Chemical Warfare Service and an authority on the physiological effects of war gases, died Sunday, Dec. 26, in Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, where he had been a patient since Oct. 4, 1943, the War Department announced this week.

shortened the war by being in it. Old codgers like me can release young fellows for fighting."

He doesn't wear a "No Field Duty" tag, either. He passed the physical exam with a high mark. A slight heart murmur kept him out of Officer Candidate School this time, but that suits him. If he had gotten a commission, he'd have been retired to civilian life because of the officers' age limit. So he's perfectly satisfied to remain a noncom.

Sergeant Mann actually had to fight to get into this scrap. When he applied for enlistment two years ago he was given the brush off. Too old, they told him. So he tackled the recruiting sergeant in his home town of Wenatchee, Wash.

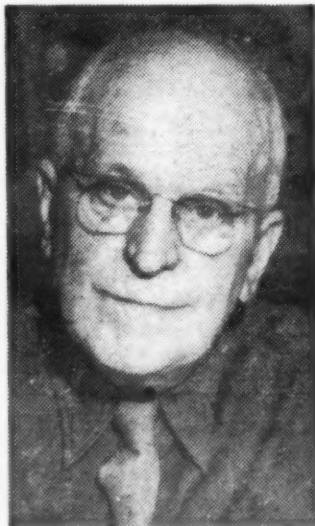
"Is there any age limit for a soldier who has had previous service and who can pass the physical?" he asked the Sarge. "Nope, none that I know of," was the reply.

## Under the Wire

"Okay then, I have a service record and I can pass the physical. I want to enlist again."

And he did. Six weeks later the War Department imposed an age limit of 55 on ex-servicemen who sought re-enlistment, but Mann was in under the wire.

Mann can also claim another honor, although he regards it as more or less a dubious one. He is one of the few American soldiers—or civilians—who has seen Hirohito in person. The sergeant got his look at the Japanese emperor being crowned in 1926, being one of the few "foreigners" allowed to witness the ceremony.



ENLISTED IN 3 WARS  
Each time as private



—Signal Corps Photo

## LIKE DUCKS OUT OF WATER

Their uniforms are mixed

## Gobs Lead Double Life —Half Army, Half Navy

FORT MONMOUTH, N. J.—Ten seamen who arrived at this post last week for Signal Corps training today are half ship-shape and half GI—at least in uniform.

Soldiers and visitors at first would stop and look a second time when they saw the 10 soldiers in full Navy uniform marching to school with their soldier barracksmates. But it started to get cold, their clothing—including hammocks—had not arrived, and they needed Army drill uniforms and equipment. So the Army Quartermaster Corps stepped in and added the necessary items.

## Half and Half

Now soldiers and visitors stop, look a few times and rub their eyes to make certain they're seeing correctly.

In the morning, the sailors are half and half, for their school uniform consists of Navy blues, Army marching shoes and overcoat and sailor's white hat. In the afternoon, the transformation is completely Army: full field packs (which weigh about 65 pounds), fatigue uniforms, helmets, gas masks and leggings.

But in the evening, when they're

off duty, the men bounce back into full Navy outfit.

Here for a course in teletype maintenance, the 10 are electrician's mates third class. They were told on their arrival from the Navy's base at Kentucky State Teacher's College: "While you're stationed here, you'll do everything the soldiers do."

To which now adds Mate Arnold M. Keller: "But the Army uniform was never like this—nor was the Navy's."

Even when their full outfits do arrive, the gobs still will be unique in their uniforms. For they will wear Navy uniforms to school and when off duty, and Army garb for drill.

## He Had to Draft Himself to Get In the Army

HEADQUARTERS, PANAMA CANAL DEPARTMENT—It took Cpl. Siegel B. Hardy, former newspaper editor, newly assigned to a harbor defense unit of the Coast Artillery Command here, 25 years to get into the Army, and he had to be chairman of his own draft board to do it.

In order to certify his own conscription, the Selective Service head of Eldorado, Ill., had to ignore the fact that he was 45—over age—and the father of three daughters.

He had a couple of other obstacles to clear. He was editor and publisher of the Eldorado Daily News, so he sold it to an employee. An operation was required to remove a double hernia before he could pass his physical. He paid for that out of his own pocket.

Fellow members of the draft board insisted that he was indispensable. As a country editor, he knew everybody in town. It was because he was considered so well fitted for the job that they elected him chairman.

However, when the reserves of single men in his district were exhausted, and men with dependents were taken into the service, Hardy refused to exempt himself.

In doing so the editor settled an old score with the Army. He had never quite forgiven Uncle Sam for turning him down when he tried to enlist in 1917. He could not pass the physical then.

## Cleveland War I Vets Aid Vets of War II

CLEVELAND, O.—The Joint Veterans' Commission of Cleveland has organized a rehabilitation committee which has acquired space on the city's public square to advise servicemen and servicewomen and their dependents on how to take advantage of the services available to them.

The commission has compiled a manual listing organizations, legislative rights and concessions aimed to aid servicemen and their dependents.

The information booth is staffed by the women's auxiliaries of the joint Veterans' Commission, which is composed of members of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, United Spanish War Veterans, the Jewish War Veterans and the Polish-American veterans.

THE FIRST CALL for women nurses to care for wounded soldiers came in America from the Continental Army in 1776.

## Bread, the Staff of Life, Helps Keep Army in Fighting Trim

CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.—An interesting history of bread, pointing its importance in the diet of the fighting man, has been compiled by the office of the camp food supervisor, School for Bakers and Cooks, 1565th Service Unit, at Camp Campbell.

An American soldier can live on meat and potatoes, but take his bread away and he's difficult to reconcile. Each man in Uncle Sam's Army is allowed 10 ounces per day, which is almost one loaf.

When the first soldier's ration was made into law by the Continental Congress on Nov. 4, 1775, bread wasn't on it. However, on April 30, 1790, the Continental Congress provided one pound of bread or one pound of flour for each man. In the Civil War, the legislators approved a bill allowing 18 ounces of soft bread or flour, or 12 ounces of hard bread, or one pound four ounces of corn meal per man per day. During the Spanish American War 112.8 pounds of flour or soft bread were allowed every 100 men, and each man was given one pound of hard bread. Then came World War I, and on Oct. 11, 1918, a ration of 16 ounces of soft bread was allowed each man per day.

The American soldier's ration is considerably higher and far superior in quality to other nations. The

flour is enriched with thiamin and riboflavin. It has been said that a man could live and thrive on a diet of GI bread and milk.

Anything that is so valuable nutritionally is worthy of conservation. The first consideration is getting the correct amount and also being assured of its quality. Next, it should be delivered in rigid containers so that it is not crushed in transit.

When the bread arrives in the mess it should be stacked on end in an insect and rodent proof box where good circulation of air is assured. A good motto for the bread box is: "First in—first out."

To properly slice bread, the correct tools should be available. A sharp knife and slicing board are absolutely essential. Slicing should be done by a gentle sawing motion. In no case should the slices be over a half-inch in thickness. After the bread is sliced it should be stacked again to prevent drying out and then served to the men in the minimum amount required—additional bread being sliced as needed.

Left over bread should be reduced to a minimum. The easiest way to use left overs is not to have any.

When bread is left over it should be utilized in one of the following ways: Bread crumbs or croutons, bread pudding or Brown Betty, melba type toast or dressing and stuffing.



# Darkness Makes Tough Training For Convoy Men

NORTH CAMP POLK, La.—Modern warfare means much night work, because it is under the protective blanket of darkness that men and materials move into positions from which they can strike the enemy. When those men and materials comprise the 8th Armored Division, the training for this necessary function is the toughest imaginable. Louisiana nights, despite songwriters' panegyrics about the bayou moon, are as black as a barracks after taps.

Long after a convoy takes to the road, the motor park crew is at work, checking, oiling, gassing up. They too, learn to work in the dark, and that means they can't be "in the dark" about their vehicles. Every part is familiar to them as a result of long hours of practice. Many times they have taken apart equipment blindfolded, and what's more important, put it together again. Now those tedious drills are paying dividends.

## "Mount Up"

The vehicles are ready. Car commanders, drivers and crew emerge from a last-minute instruction session with their commanding officer. The order is given: "Mount up!" Blackout driving lights are turned on, throwing just enough illumination to catch the dim stop-light of the vehicle ahead. The order to move! Tanks, half-tracks, peeps and scout cars begin to roll.

From then on, the "eyes" have it. Car commanders peer into the blackness which surrounds them. The red stop light ahead of them blinks, disappears, and they are completely alone. But they keep rolling; the vehicle bounces into ruts; the task of remaining on the road—if there is a road—becomes increasingly difficult.

While the convoy moves, the crew prepares for the moment when they will take over the show. Guns and equipment are readied. All they need to spring into action is the order.

A ticklish situation often encountered on the road is to pass a convoy heading the opposite direction. Roads are narrow, tanks and halftracks are bulky. Drivers must tighten their grip on the wheel, car commanders must distinguish every nuance and shade in the ebony curtain before them. Eyes squint and hands clench until the moment is over.

Sometimes it is necessary to leave the road and ride cross-country. This requires the eyes of a cat, the nerve of a bronze statue, and a constitution similar to a cocktail shaker. The

## First Reserve Nurses Reach Rank of Major

WASHINGTON—The first reserve nurses in the Army Nurse Corps to attain the relative rank of major are included among an initial group to be promoted in accordance with the recent authorization for increased grades in the Corps. It was announced by the War Department this week.

Majorities were allotted to Kathleen H. Atto, Edna B. Groppe, and Mary C. Walker.

Also announced was the promotion of Maj. Mary G. Phillips to the relative rank of lieutenant colonel, and Capt. L. Gertrude Thompson, principal chief nurse at Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, also to the relative rank of lieutenant colonel. Capt. Edith A. Aynes, representing the Army Nurse Corps in the Office of Technical Information, was promoted to the relative rank of major.

Other promotions of reserve nurses were 1st Lt. Gertrude Roberts, to the relative rank of captain; 2nd Lt. Helen A. Smathers Agronsky, and 2nd Lt. Emily E. McMullan Norton, to the relative rank of first lieutenant.

# Not So Smart

FORT BENNING, Ga.—"Are the Japs smart fighters?" Sgt. Frank T. Barnes, back from Guadalcanal to attend OCS, tells of one instance in which the Japs displayed an amazing lack of ordinary common sense.

The enemy had captured some American hand grenades and promptly began throwing them at an American position. There was some wild scrambling by the Yank infantrymen as they recognized their own grenades plumping down among them. But the Japs had neglected one little item. They had forgotten to pull the safety pins.

## Important Equipment

CAMP MACKALL, N. C.—It wasn't listed in the training table of equipment, but it was found on a training area and was considered so vital to some trainee that this notice appeared in the Camp Mackall Daily Bulletin: "Found—in training area, one partial plate, lower. Owner may obtain same at Adjutant's office."

# Britisher Emphasizes Need for Plane Spotting

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—The identification of aircraft—friendly and enemy—was termed by Maj. Gerald Emanuel, British Army Staff, as one of the measuring rods that will be used to determine the date of final victory for the Allied nations.

The officer, probably one of the best informed identification instructors in the world, and now with the 1st British Composite Demonstration Battery, said the "greatest possible stress should be placed on aircraft identification both for civilians and the military. The military is already doing its job and doing it well. It is hoped that civilians will continue their interest in the matter of identification."

## Praises American Schools

Major Emanuel, with Lt. Col. R. D. Linton, organized the first aircraft recognition school in England.

The American Antiaircraft Command schools of recognition, which are operated on the same basis as those of the British, are doing a "marvelous job," Major Emanuel said, and added that although Britain had a long start in recognition training because of the earlier entry into the war, the American training has advanced "beyond belief."

The success of aircraft recognition training, Major Emanuel said, depends to some extent on the efficient operation of a nation's intelligence service. "Mistakes have been made and will be made when guns will fire on friendly planes. But with aircraft recognition functioning as it does today, it is safe to say that the minimum of such errors should occur in the future."

"Combat experience has, of course, proved of great value to our troops in their recognition work," he said. "In a test of our antiaircraft troops at one of our American camps, 22 men of our light and heavy ack ack troops were shown models and pictures of 75 types of planes. Of the 1650 answers given, 93½ per cent were correct. And each man was allowed to see the plane for only a fraction of a second."

"Of course," he continued, "the interest of the soldier in the study is 75 per cent of the effort. Having the men interested in the work is the

NATIVES of Burma have asked the United States Army Service Forces to use colored supply parachutes, instead of white, to drop food and ammunition to the American and Chinese frontiers operating along the Burma frontier.

bedrock of the whole thing."

"Having this in mind, the British Antiaircraft Command picks a 'plane of the day' each 24 hours. Every headquarters, every battery, every office in the command, regardless of where the troops may be stationed, displays a plastic model of the plane concerned. Each man must know all the principle facts about that plane any time he is asked. Soon it becomes second nature. We have made it a duty and the men themselves have made it a personal responsibility."

Major Emanuel said that a well trained soldier should score 90 per cent in any recognition test. "It is necessary to have four qualified instructors with each battery," he explained. "We have found that with four recognition instructors, one of them an officer, we reach our highest point of efficiency. Training in aircraft recognition, as in other fields, is the answer to all problems. We must practice and practice. We don't expect to ever reach a stage of perfection but we will get better at what we are doing and we will avoid mistakes made in the past."

# 11th Armored Band Swings It From Morn to Late at Night

IBIS, Calif.—Whether it's 5 o'clock in the morning or 7 at night, it's a dark life in the desert wasteland of the California-Arizona Maneuver Area. The moon and stars lift the black veil a bit, but they cannot alleviate the chill.

Brightening such an existence among the troops of the 11th Armored Division is the division band—a unit of 60 musicians who begin their cadences and melody before the dawn and complete their day's tour of duty late at night, with many hours of combat training, range firing, battle inoculation, obstacle courses, police details, KP, and an assortment of other assignments, crowding their days.

## Mornings Brightened

Most of the 11th's soldiery agree that their mornings are "brightened" by the antics of this nocturnal band, although there are admittedly mixed feelings when the first sergeant blows his reveille whistle and the band stands outside a tent area, striking up "Roll Out the Barrel," "Oh, How I Hate to Get Up in the Morning," "Jersey Bounce" or the old standby, "Our Director."

The grumblers at reveille find a fiendish delight in the band when, as they gingerly turn back their blankets, it throbs out "Come Join the Band" or "Washington and Lee Swing" to drown out the best efforts of the topkick and his whistle. A man from Wisconsin may have been indulging in a little dream about home, when the band will crack the dawn with "On Wisconsin," putting the soldier in a better humor whatever side of the cot he gets out of.

The solid beat of a five band may clash with the martial measures of a "straight" outfit, when the

## Activated at Butner

CAMP BUTNER, N. C.—Announcement of the activation of the 1144th Engineer Combat Group, under the command of Lt. Col. George A. Morris, was made at Camp Butner this week. The group consists of the 281st, 282nd, 283rd, and 292nd Engineer Combat Battalions in which recruits will receive their basic and combat engineer training. Colonel Morris was previously on the staff of the 13th Corps, with headquarters at Fort Dupont, Del.

# Lunk Trainer Realistic Test of Men's Senses



—Signal Corps Photo

## INSIDE THE LUNK TRAINER

The bones are atmosphere

CAMP KOHLER, Calif. — Camp Kohler's simulated-battle training facilities have been augmented with the construction of a unique new device called the Lunk Trainer, designed to provide battle inoculation for those Signal Corps men who operate the front line communications systems.

Differing from the camp's other training facilities, it places intense strain on all the senses, and each man gets an idea of which of his senses fail to function properly in this underground proving ground for message center trainees.

## "Abandon Hope"

"Abandon hope, all ye who enter here," is the solemn warning posted

over the doorway of the dugout, which combines all the soul-shaking sights and sounds and smells of the most violent type front line warfare.

The action takes place in a big underground room, 25 by 35 feet inside, which the message center men approach through a dense cloud of white phosphorous smoke covering two rows of double-apron barbed wire barriers.

Inside the horror chamber lies the area representing the location for the station. The dugout provides inky darkness and controlled conditions.

Plunging through the curtained doorway, trainees are at first dazed by the sudden darkness and the explosion of a booby trap under the threshold. The roar of a propeller fills the room and a blast of air strikes them in the face.

## Dive For Cover

In the pandemonium which follows the air gets dusty, blinding lights flash momentarily, and an assortment of spine-chilling sounds blare from a loud speaker. A dozen foxholes dot the floor of the cave, and the communications men dive for cover and start work.

Amid the rattle of machine gun fire a flash of light illuminates momentarily a battlefield covered with bloody bones, dummy corpses, scattered equipment. Then the chamber fills suddenly with gas, and they grope in the darkness for their masks.

After nearly an hour of unmitigated hell, when they finally contact the other message center, the trainees stumble out of the chamber into the welcome sunshine and fresh air.

"The most important feature of the Lunk Trainer," says Lt. John H. Bagwell, instructor in the Clerks Specialist Branch who was in charge of construction, "is that it illustrates to the men how their senses are affected under abnormal conditions experienced in combat."

## Officer In Control

An officer remains in the trainer throughout the maneuver, in telephone contact with the control room overhead where the canned battle sounds originate. The big propeller, mounted on a gasoline motor, not only serves to enhance the general confusion with wind and noise, but also allows instructors to clear the room of gas in a few minutes after the problem ends.

The Lunk Trainer, its name a take-off on the Air Force's famous link trainer, is similar to one built at Fort Benning, Ga., some time ago. Variations of the device are now being put into use elsewhere. Its potentialities are almost limitless, since any type of situation can be set up in this Hollywood-style madman's version of a carnival funhouse.

## Brought the Meat Home

CAMP ROBERTS, Calif.—Hunting has been added to the sports enjoyed by men of this post. A special deer season opened last week on the Hunter Liggett military reservation, and early reports indicated that a half a dozen Army marksmen came home with venison. Most outstanding shot of the opening day's shooting was that made by Charles Hansen, 17-year-old son of Col. Percy M. Hansen, 12th FA Tng. Regt., who brought down a buck with a 600-yard shot.



AMERICANS die in Italy. Here Sgt. R. Strebe checks the bodies of Yanks killed on the outskirts of Caserta.



## GI's Want Action Films, Flicker Manager Says

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—Pix dealing with Hawkshaws and mushy dolls are strictly egg at the box office in flicker houses here. The GIs always hold their schnozes and squawkeroo when a whodunit involving war, spies and a mysterious clothes horse is screened, according to S/Sgt. George Lansky, manager of the post theaters.

The soldiers who flock to the theaters at Stewart are getting fed up

with movies which show them how a beautiful, talkative spy catches a Nazi or a Jap just in time to save the hero's life. Sergeant Lansky says there have been too many of these pictures, and what the khaki kids want are girl-jammed movies, swingy tunes and comedians.

### Like Wake Island

"The only war pictures soldiers like," Sergeant Lansky said, "are good, fast action films such as Wake Island. Action in the North Atlantic and Bataan. These pictures don't have slinky spies."

Sergeant Lansky ran the palm of his hand over the top of his head, hitting a bald spot. The hand came down and brushed a toothbrush mustache. His large, brown eyes began darting around the room. Sergeant Lansky, although a warm, friendly type, is rather nervous. He talks as though he had been inoculated by a riveting machine.

"A show such as This Is the Army went over big with our audience," he went on, "because it dealt with the humorous side of Army life and had plenty of girls in it, such as you see walking along Fifth Avenue on a Sunday morning."

The sergeant went on to say that soldiers love westerns, Abbott and Costello and Popeye. Every now and then a GI will write in requesting a revival of a picture he enjoyed as a civilian. One private keeps pestering Lansky by pencil to revive the Errol Flynn picture "They Died With Their Boots On." It is Sergeant Lansky's job to keep such privates happy. He also sends in a report on soldier's reactions to pictures. After shows, he wanders in and out of groups in front of the theater listening to their comments. GI criticism is brief, either a picture "stinks" or it is "swell."

### Host to USO Players

Sergeant Lansky also acts as a host and guard for USO performers who play in post theaters. Before the WACs came to camp, the chorus cuties stayed in their barracks. It was the sergeant's pleasant task to escort them home after the show.

The most fun Sergeant Lansky ever had was the night Hellzapoppin played Theater 3. He and several theater cronies fixed up a deal whereby a girl in the show would come down into the audience and romance a selected soldier. The gal did. She sat on his lap, painted his face with lipstick, made him roll his pants leg and dance with her in the aisle. The soldier got right into the spirit of the thing.

After every performance in GI theaters, numerous wallets, hats, raincoats, dog tags, photos and letters are dropped by the janitor on Sergeant Lansky's desk.

"Once," Sergeant Lansky said, "the janitor came in with a doll. It's never been claimed," he added.

## NEW KINKS

### Water Does It

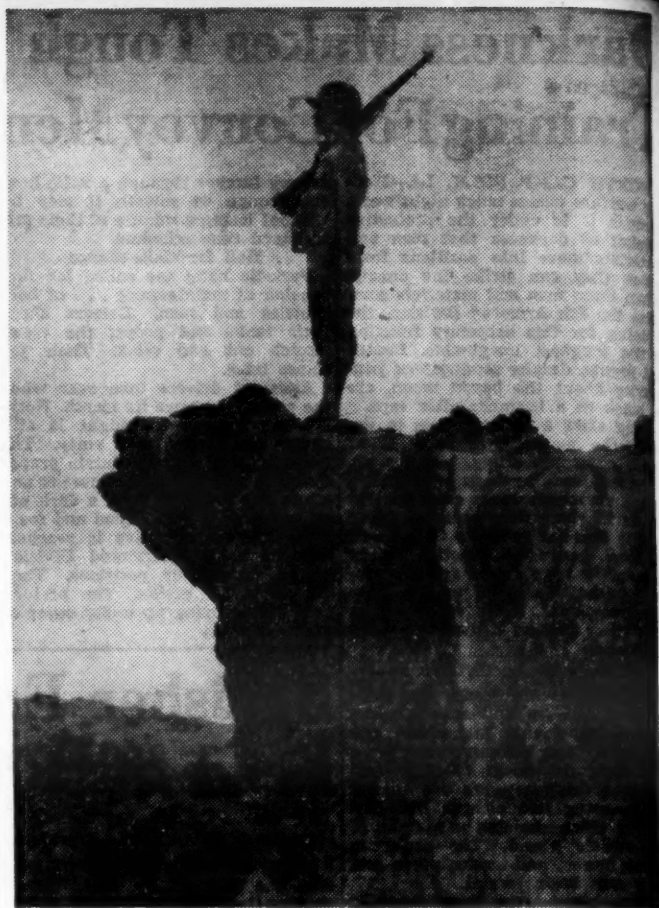
Private F. Needham, of the 11th Armored Division, has a new, simple and inexpensive method for removing tight connectors from a tank's track blocks. Needham and some of his buddies were laboring with some connectors a little time ago, and having a hard time of it. Then it began to rain, and, since there was no hurry about it, they left the job till it cleared. When they resumed work the connectors came off easily. Now Needham and the rest of his company pour water generously over any tight connectors, leave them for a minute or two, and off they come.

### Underground Barracks

Col. F. T. Gillespie, chief of military training under the chief signal officer, back in this country after 17 months spent in England and the North African theatre, tells how American soldiers in Iran had, by the ingenious use of materials readily at hand, devised very comfortable quarters. Excavating under their pup tents sufficiently deep so that there was standing room, they installed a double-decker bunk in one corner. A used easy chair, along with camp stools, and shelves for their radio and other articles, complete the furnishings. Steps cut in the hard earth provided an entrance to the tent-covered barrack room.

### Hydrometer Protection

Broken hydrometers, one of the bane at every airfield, need be no more, if the gadget invented by Cpl. Virgil Nanes and Pfc. Julius G. Warren is utilized. A steel washer, a hose clamp and a few pieces of spring wire were fashioned into a protective wire-casing so effective that the hydrometer can be dropped from considerable height on concrete, without danger of injury.



**CEASELESS VIGIL** over the approaches to the Panama Canal assures the safety of this vital artery—vital in peace and more vital in war. Sgt. Enrique Arroyo, of an Infantry unit attached to the Sixth Air Force, stands watch on a lonely promontory (resembling a bear's head) at a base in Ecuador. He is one of the many Puerto Ricans serving in the U. S. Army in the area. —AAF Photo

## GI's Tell Pollers What They'd Do With Their Bonus

DANIEL FIELD, Ga.—The Muster Out Bonus Bill, with its proposal to pay \$300 to each man in the Armed Forces on his honorable discharge, has aroused a good deal of interesting comment among the men here. In a poll conducted last week, the Notam, camp newspaper, asked the men this question: "If you could walk past the main gate with an honorable discharge in one hand and \$300 in the other, what would you do with the money?" Here are a few of the replies:

1st Sgt. Lester G. Lewis, Headquarters Squadron, ASCRD No. 1: "I'm a married man with a family. I'd use the money to tide me over till I could get back into the work I want to do."

1st Lt. Filomena M. Falcone, chief nurse at the Station Hospital: "I'd buy the reddest dress in town, the highest heels, and the craziest hat. Then I'd stand on a street corner for half an hour."

Cpl. Vernon J. Coffee, of Squadron C, a former prize fighter: "Darned if I know."

Cpl. Wesley E. Kern, 21st Air Base Sq.: "I'd go back to Business Administration School."

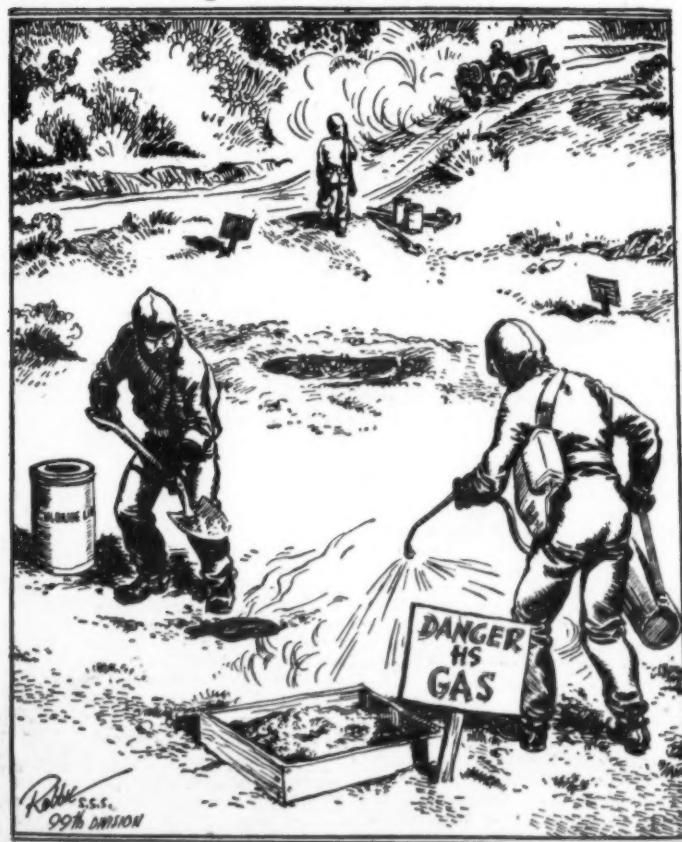
Cpl. Sam L. West, 21st Air Base Sq.: "I'd buy livestock or maybe farming equipment."

Cpl. Evans Farber, 5th Squadron: "Censored."

### How to Mail Lapel Buttons

WASHINGTON—The War Department has called attention to Section II, Circular No. 318, 1943, which includes regulations governing the issuance of the lapel button for discharged servicemen. In a later circular, No. 327 (16 Dec. 43), it was directed that buttons to be mailed should be inserted in a piece of cardboard and placed in the lower left corner of an envelope. On the outside of the envelope should be marked in red above the address: **INSIGNIA INSIDE. PLEASE USE HAND STAMP.**

## What's Wrong with This Picture?



—Courtesy, The Checkboard, Camp Maxey, Tex.

**HERE** is an area that has been gassed with Mustard (H) with a squad decontaminating the area. Look closely and you'll see that they are making several serious mistakes. After you have studied the picture, look in column 5 for the answers.

## AGF: The Week's News of the Army Ground Forces Straight from Headquarters in Washington

HEADQUARTERS, AGF—Awards covering accomplishments in two wars were presented this week by Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, commanding general of the Army Ground Forces, to an officer assigned to Headquarters and another recently returned from the Southwest Pacific.

Col. Temple G. Holland, Inf., was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for "brilliant leadership" as a regimental commander while serving on New Georgia in the Solomon Islands in July and August of this year. His citation read, in part: "Colonel Holland was temporarily placed in command of an infantry regiment on 11 July while that regiment was in combat with the enemy, who were defending the Munda Airfield. Upon arrival, he effected a complete and essential reorganization of the regiment, although this was done while continuing to stave off enemy aggression. On the second day of his command, he ordered a general attack which succeeded in establishing spirit and confidence in the men. From that day until he was relieved, he continued the attack and pushed the regiment forward, steadily gaining ground until it accomplished its mission, and direction of the regiment in the face of tremendous odds, advance of this regiment coincided with the general attack of all units along the front until the Munda Airfield was taken and the defending enemy force destroyed."

Colonel Holland is now at Brooke General Hospital in San Antonio, Texas, where he is undergoing treatment. He will eventually be assigned to the Army Ground Forces.

Maj. Alwyn Ball, 3rd, CAC, assigned to the Statistics Section at Headquarters, Army Ground Forces, was presented with the Silver Star and Oak Leaf Cluster for his courage under fire in the battles of the Hindenburg Line and Vierstaat Ridge in Belgium when he was serving as a first lieutenant with the 105th Machine Gun Battalion, 27th Division. Major Ball's citation cited his "skilled leadership frequently demonstrated under fire in the battles and engagements in which his battalion took part."

Continuing his efforts to conserve all materiel and equipment used by Army Ground Forces units, Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, commanding general of AGF, called upon personnel of his command this week to exercise care in operating motor vehicles in mountainous areas. Instructions designed to minimize injuries to both personnel and materiel are set forth in a directive issued by General McNair.

New Year's Day will be marked as a day of prayer at Army Ground Forces units throughout the country

in accordance with a presidential proclamation. General McNair called upon all commanders of AGF units to request chaplains to prepare and conduct appropriate services setting forth the spirit and purpose of the day of prayer.

A midnight military mass with Gregorian music presented by the Franciscan Choir of the Holy Name College marked Catholic Christmas services at the Army War College where Headquarters, Army Ground Forces, is located. The sermon was given by the Rev. B. J. Cunningham, C. M., of the Catholic University of America. Protestant observance of the day consisted of a Christmas eve service at the post chapel with special music and carols.

Promotion of Maj. John M. Der-

## Red Cross Fills Overseas Requests

NEW YORK—Thousands of requests are being received weekly by the New York Chapter of the American Red Cross from soldiers overseas for services of various kinds.

For instance, a young Army captain now serving in the South Pacific asked that two rose bushes, one for himself and one for his brother, now a prisoner of war in Germany, should be planted on his mother's grave.

A soldier in North Africa asked the Red Cross to recommend a shop where he could send home a toupee. Demands for musical instruments are plentiful. Fifty harmonicas were sent recently to one Army unit. One job, frequently done at the request of the families of soldiers, is the locating of their soldier sons who are in hospitals.

## He Got It

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—A private in an AA battery here at Stewart asked to see his commanding officer the other day on a matter of vital importance. Permission to see the officer was granted and the private walked into the office, saluted the CO snappily and placed a photograph on his desk. The photograph showed a young woman wheeling a baby carriage.

"What's this all about?" the CO wanted to know.

"That's my wife and baby, sir," the private said.

The CO looked at the photograph again. "I don't see any baby," he said.

"I haven't seen it either, sir," the private said, "that's why I'd like the captain to grant me a furlough."

van, Inf, from the rank of captain was announced by General McNair this week. Major Dervan is assigned to the G-1 Section at Headquarters.

HEADQUARTERS, ANTI-AIRCRAFT Command—Brig. Gen. Oliver E. Bucher, AUS, who has been assigned as commanding general of the Antiaircraft Replacement Training Center at Camp Callan, Calif., recently visited Headquarters, Antiaircraft Command at Richmond, Va., to confer with Maj. Gen. Joseph A. Green, commanding general of the Antiaircraft Command. As commanding general of the AARTC at Camp Callan, General Bucher succeeds Brig. Gen. LaRhett L. Stuart, who has assumed command of the 66th AAA Brigade at Camp Stewart, Ga.

Other recent visitors to Headquarters, Antiaircraft Command, who conferred with General Green included Brig. Gen. Charles S. Harris, AUS; Brig. Gen. C. V. R. Schuyler, AUS, commanding general of the Antiaircraft Artillery Training Center at Camp Davis, N. C., and Col. William H. Dunham, CAC, commanding officer of the Barrage Balloon Training Center at Camp Tyson, Tenn.

Capt. Christie M. Tellefson, WAC, who previously served as WAC personnel officer for the Second Service Command, has been appointed WAC Staff Director, Antiaircraft Command.

ANTIAIRCRAFT ARTILLERY SCHOOL—Col. John R. Burnett, CAC, commanding officer of the Antiaircraft Artillery School Brigade, was promoted to that rank last week.

Capt. John E. Arthur, CAC, has been appointed as assistant secretary of the Antiaircraft Artillery School, replacing Maj. Emory E. Bellonby, CAC.

## Picture Puzzle Answers

(See Column 1)

1. The decontaminating squad has just finished its work. The area is now safe. 2. The soldier is looking at a sign that says "DANGER H2 GAS". 3. The soldier is looking at a sign that says "DANGER H2 GAS". 4. The soldier is looking at a sign that says "DANGER H2 GAS". 5. The soldier is looking at a sign that says "DANGER H2 GAS". 6. The soldier is looking at a sign that says "DANGER H2 GAS". 7. The soldier is looking at a sign that says "DANGER H2 GAS". 8. The soldier is looking at a sign that says "DANGER H2 GAS". 9. The soldier is looking at a sign that says "DANGER H2 GAS". 10. The soldier is looking at a sign that says "DANGER H2 GAS".



## Private Van Dorn

'Twas the night before Christmas, and all thru the house, not a creature was stirring—except—



PRIVATE VAN DORN, COME HERE!!!



—YOU COME WITH ME, I GOT SOMETHING FOR YOU TO DO IN THE DAY ROOM—



GO ON—OPEN THE DOOR—



I'M DREAMING OF A WHITE CHRISTMAS



Robbie, 99th Infantry Division, Camp Maxey, Tex.

## The Mess Line

Old Farmer Graham had some ducks To sell for twenty smackers. That's too much money," people said "To pay for Graham quackers."

Nothing helps a girl's popularity like being easy on the eye.

First Mosquito: "Horray! Here comes a new arrival." Second ditto: "Good. Let's stick him for the drinks."

The stork is charged with a lot of things which should more properly be blamed on a lark.

"What's the matter? Were you in a wreck?"

"Nope. My girl told me that she had a nice little place in her heart all for me and I tried to find it."

"Horray!" yelled the rabbit as he ran out of the forest fire, "I've just been defurred!"

Pretty Girl Was a cow More athletic than muddery. She hopped a barbed-wire fence And was destroyed Udderly.

The davenport held the twain, Fair damsel and her ardent swain; Headshe. But then a step upon the stair, And father finds them sitting here He—and—she.

## Star Spangled Banter



'WHIMSICAL OLD BUZZARD!'

Sgt. Bill Mauldin, 45th Division



"LUCY!"

## Army Quiz

1. The AT M-1, a recently-revealed "secret" American weapon, which has proved its efficiency in the fighting in Italy, is familiarly known as—  
A. A stinger?  
B. The baby carriage?  
C. The bazooka?

2. If captured, you are not required by International Law to give the enemy any information.  
True? False?

3. A War Department order last week was interpreted as a step toward the establishment of a separate Air Force. How long is it since the British Royal Air Force was set up as a separate organization?  
A. At the beginning of the war?  
B. During the last war, in 1918?  
C. Previous to the last war?

4. The Army's list of official abbreviations includes the letters "BOQ." Does this designate—  
A. Books of Quartermaster?  
B. Bachelor Officers Quarters?  
C. Back on Quorum?

5. Five seas, all part of the Mediterranean, have been in press dispatches recently. Can you name them?

6. During the past few months the Russians have regained from the Germans several important cities which are described for special features, as follows. Can you give the actual names?  
A. "Holy Mother City of Russia?"  
B. "The Capital of the Ukraine?"  
C. "The Steel City?"  
D. "The Gateway to Moscow?"

7. In accepted Army slang the term "shutters," is used to designate  
A. Any window covers?  
B. Silencers on a machine gun?  
C. Sleeping pills?

8. What sparsely-settled Arctic island now in the news was the scene of two famed American polar expeditions in 1926?

9. Fort Knox, Ky., is said to be headquarters for "tankers?" Can you tell why?

10. If you were awarded a Good Conduct Medal, would you wear it to the right or left of service medals? (See "Quiz Answers," page 18)

## BOOKS

THE ARMY READER, Edited by Lt. Col. Karl Detzer. Bobbs-Merrill Company, Indianapolis, and New York City. \$4.00.

You're an airplane armorer—a good armorer. There are very few things you don't know about a calibre 50 machine gun, the bomb racks on a B-17, or a Very pistol. You are also a member of the United States Army. There is a great deal you don't know about the infantry, a 120-mm cannon, a mortar, or even how you get the mess you eat, the blankets you sleep under, or the shoes you wear.

The story of the American Army is a glorious story—a big story. It is a story which can't be told in hundreds of books or hours of lecture. No one author could ever compile or edit all the facts pertinent to the flexible American Army.

To Colonel Detzer, former Readers' Digest staff writer and author, goes credit for compiling one of the most complete and interesting books published to date on the Army. He has made no attempt to cover the field, but has merely secured information concerning the Air Forces which will interest the Infantryman or the Quartermaster and facts about QM which the Armored Forces will find of value. With these facts, taken from every branch of the service, every Army man can better appreciate his part in the vast, streamlined organization.

From the avalanche of facts which have cascaded through the newspaper columns, Colonel Detzer has chosen only the pertinent information which gives a complete picture

of the Army as it is today. Little attempt was made to dig into its history or forecast its future.

The neatly outlined story he presents introduces you to the men of war from the Commander-in-Chief to the privates. Every branch of service, every theatre of war is represented. The women in uniform aren't forgotten, nor are the problems confronted from training to combat.

The list of contributors to the book is imposing. It includes top-ranking military leaders distinguished authors, famous war correspondents and enlisted men. Secretary Stimson, Clark Lee, John Hersey, Col. John Hilger, Ernie Pyle, Stephen Vincent Benet, Maj. Jack Redding are only a few of those who contributed the one hundred exciting writings in the book.

The publishers announce that the book is "must" reading for Army personnel and Army-minded civilians. It is more than that. It answers the question most people ask, "Where do I fit into the tremendous powerful organization which is the United States Army today?"

Colonel Detzer has contributed one of the finer books dealing with the Army. He has avoided the technical aspects; he has refrained from using the sensational; he has produced a good, sound book which anyone will find easy to read and comfortably satisfying.

DESERT CONQUEST, by Russell Hill. Alfred A. Knopf, New York City. \$3.00.

Russell Hill is a damned good reporter. He was but twenty years old when he joined the Berlin staff of the New York Herald Tribune in

1939, but by the time he joined General Montgomery he was a veteran foreign correspondent.

He had been run out of Berlin, had covered Bulgaria and Yugoslavia, had escaped from Greece in a rowboat and landed in Cairo. He had gone to Iran and then back again to Cairo, where he started covering the activities of Montgomery's Army. From the stories he sent his newspaper came this book.

He was present when Rommel drove to El Alamein. He watched the British Eighth Army stand firm and Rommel thrown back. He followed Montgomery's counterattack until Africa was once again in Allied hands.

But Desert Conquest is more than a series of newspaper stories. Hill found out what it felt like to be bombed and shelled. He got an evident kick out of English dialogue and mimics it neatly. Through it all he remains as American as the flapjacks he enjoyed in an American camp. Reporter Hill has produced a good book, easily read, and containing a great deal of good, sound information.

TOMORROW WE FLY, by William B. Stout and Franklin M. Beck. Thomas Y. Crowell Co., New York. \$2.00.

There are few young Americans who aren't convinced that post-war transportation will be largely by air. With the Army Air Forces flying a regular schedule over thousands of miles of world-wide air lines, few people doubt that the majority of long-distance trips will be taken by air.

There are those who doubt the practicability of an airplane in

every home and have sound reasons to back up their doubts. There are, naturally, many problems which must be overcome before airplanes replace automobile, train and ship travel to any extent.

William B. Stout, inventor at Consolidated Vultee Aircraft, recognizes the problems but, through scientific study, feels that most of them can be overcome. In this book, with actual figures, he answers the problems of cost, danger and competition. He predicts a \$100 one-way ticket to London from New York and the possibility of a beating wing plane. His reasoning is interesting and convincing. He points out that though the feather structure of a bird makes copying them difficult that an insect has a structurally simple wing, easy to study, and that with keen, young air enthusiasts working on the problem, such a plane is not inconceivable.

## But No Sow's Ear

CAMP BLANDING, Fla.—An unnamed but ingenious Infantry Replacement Training Center recruit created a Christmas gift money couldn't buy (if he'd had any), a purse made in one week out of 500 corks from soda bottles.

TOPS FOR YOUR HAIR—  
LOOK WELL GROOMED with  
**MOROLINE** HAIR TONIC  
LARGE BOTTLE 25c



SPORTS  
CHAT

**NAPIER FIELD, Ala.**—The Napier Field Gruffies extended their winning streak to six straight recently by beating the Camp Rucker post championship five, 37-33, in an extra period game. Sgt. Harvey Swoboda hit the netting for 18 points.

**CAMP ROBERTS, Calif.**—One temporary resident of sunny California is praying for snow. John M. Bosch can put the snow to good use as he is the junior north-west downhill ski champion. Private Bosch has hopes of putting his skill into use in the Army.

**CAMP STEWART, Ga.**—Records are made to be broken, but even the most optimistic are shaking their heads over the 29 minutes, 5 seconds mark set by Cpl. Maurice Toothaker over the 5-mile cross-country course.

**CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.**—Hitting the netting for 22 goals and 4 charity tosses in four games, Cpl. Jack Lots tops the scorers in the 26th Infantry Division with 48 points. High scorer for three games is Cpl. Charles Seabright with 30.

**CAMP GRANT, Ill.**—One of the voices of authority in the major leagues, which had become a mere squeak in the Army, got back a little volume recently when Pfc. Art Passarella, former umpire, sewed on his T/S stripes.

**FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.**—Cpl. Jack Lombard of the 290th Infantry, voted the "most valuable" ballplayer in the 75th Infantry Division leagues this summer, was presented a trophy by Lt. Joe Marino.

**CAMP ELLIS, Ill.**—It looks easy but according to Camp Ellis fans looks are deceiving. We're talking about the game recently introduced on five alleys here—duck pins.

**CAMP CAMPBELL, Ky.**—After riding more than 300 winners in his six-year career as a jockey on some of the nation's best hay-burners S/Sgt. Patrick McDermott says he's busier now as a medical supply sergeant than he ever was hustling a horse down the stretch.

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.**—Southpaw Dave Wiley clicked for 14 long-shot points to lead the 20th Armored Division cagers to a 51-39 win over Vultee Convairs.

**NEW CUMBERLAND, Pa.**—Faced with a tough schedule and a transfer of players, the 1389th and 1301st Service Units had little hope for a good season. Brig. Gen. James R. Alfante saw their plight and authorized the merging of the two teams. Now Coach Joe Lawler is looking forward to a pleasant season.

**CAMP BARKELEY, Tex.**—Volunteers were wanted for a touch football game. Twenty-one volunteered, one was needed. "Ever play football," said the lieutenant to a soldier standing nearby. Pvt. Jonathan Campbell had—in fact, he was a member of the 1942 Negro All-American.

**FORT KNOX, Ky.**—One of the reasons the Armored Replacement Center five expects a good season is due to a former Washington Senator pitcher. Sam Cunningham used to spend the off-season playing semi-pro basketball with a Detroit team.

**CAMP KOHLER, Calif.**—They're looking for new worlds to conquer for middleweight Dave Jimenez. Bernie Reyes, his coach, gets that far-away title look in his eyes as he talks about the 11 straight fights his pupil has won.

**CAMP CROWDER, Mo.**—It isn't listed in any Army training manual but at this post some soldiers have been getting specialized training as basketball officials before the intra-regimental contests get underway.

**MANY A** serviceman owes his life to a message carried through by a pigeon, when other means of communication would not be used.



"NO SPIKA DA INGLIS" is what the Nicaraguan radio audience is thinking as Terry Moore, captain of the Sixth Air Force Albion Field baseball team, hands out a bit of Cardinal baseball chatter. The audience didn't understand Terry but they did understand the universal language of a well-spanked horsehide as the Sixth won two games in Managua. While ball clubs up north are hitting the netting the Panama Canal Zone soldiers are planning for the big baseball tournament which starts in January.

—AAF Photo

## Not Pink Elephants ---Ruby's Back Again

### Bowl Games Are Expected to Attract About 370,000 Fans

**WASHINGTON**—To Dallas New Year's Day celebrants it may appear to be a case of one drink too many—but it really isn't a problem of "Pink Elephants," big Martin Ruby is just making his third appearance in the Cotton Bowl.

The Cotton Bowl is mighty familiar to Ruby. He played in it in 1941 and 1942—and, what's more he got into the armed forces there.

Even the team he will face, Texas, is a familiar rival as Ruby used to play with Texas A. & M. He never has beaten the Longhorns but is getting another chance with the Randolph Field Ramblers.

#### Setting A Record

It will be a record for Cotton Bowl participation—in 1941 he played with the Aggies against Fordham and 1942 against Alabama. It was in 1942 that he was sworn into the service between halves of the Aggie-Bama tilt.

About 20,000 fans will be watching this traditional game which got underway in 1937.

Out on the west coast a capacity crowd of 90,000 are expected to watch the family affair Rose Bowl. Southern California is reported to be in good shape for the game while Washington fans are bragging about the speed of their starting backfield.

Coach Henry Frnka has already predicted victory for his Tulsa eleven when it meets the Rambling Wreck from Georgia Tech before 70,000 fans in the Sugar Bowl. This game, bringing together the Tech (won 7, lost 3) and Tulsa (won 6, tied 1), promises to be the sweetest offering of the day.

#### Weeping and Wailing

Although both teams are riddled with injuries the usual crowd of 60,000 is expected to be on hand when the East meets the West. Although the rival coaches are weeping and wailing about injuries the case-hardened fans are expecting the typical ding-dong contest.

The first bowl to sell out was in Miami where 27,000 fans have already purchased pasteboards in order to watch Texas A. & M. and Louisiana State play an encore game.

Down on the Rio Grande some 20,000 fans will see Southwestern of Texas and New Mexico struggle for the Sun Bowl crown.

In Houston there is even more of a carnival spirit as the first Oil Bowl game is scheduled to be played this New Year's Day. Over 30,000 fans will be present when Southwestern Louisiana meets Arkansas Aggies in the sleeper game of the day.

#### Way Back in 1902

It was 'way back in 1902 that Michigan trampled Stanford, 49-0, in the first Rose Bowl game. The University of Miami beat Manhattan, 7-0, to get the Orange Bowl underway in 1933.

1935 found Tulane beating Temple, 20-14, in the first Sugar Bowl. Hardin-Simmons and New Mexico Aggies fought bitterly to a 14-14 tie in the first Sun Bowl game in 1936.

Texas Christian beat Marquette, 16-6,

in the first Cotton Bowl staged in 1937.

The wildest scoring game in the Rose Bowl saw USC beat Pitt, 47-14, in 1930. The lowest scoring game was the 0-0 tie played by California and Washington and Jefferson in 1922. The game which left the customers chewing their hats was the Alabama, 20, Washington, 19, game of 1926.

In the Orange Bowl Georgia and Texas Christian staged a 40-26 struggle in 1942 which tops all bowl scoring. The Sugar Bowl has priority on freak scores with Fordham beating Missouri, 2-0, in 1942 and TCU topping LSU, 3-2, in 1936.

If you want to bet on ties pick the Sun Bowl. There have been two ties in eight years compared with but three in the Rose Bowl. In the Cotton Bowl the teams have been more evenly matched with 14 points the biggest winning margin.

## Good Neighbor Policy Gets Shot in Arm as Havana Wins

**NEW YORK**—The Good Neighbor policy got a shot in the arm when the slick ball handling five from Havana University shocked a Madison Square crowd by upsetting the Long Island U. five, 40-37.

The small sleight-of-hand experts were on the short end of a 17-9 count at one stage of the game but as soon as they found the range the Cubans combined a neat, fast passing game with clever faking to outplay their bigger opponents.

The type of ball played by the Havana five speaks well for the basketball played on the island. Without the benefit of "skyscrapers" the Latin Americans rely on speed and clever ball handling for their points.

Having gone through the usual ragged pre-Christmas play, basketball teams throughout the nation are now settling into stride for their usual January and February schedules.

Out of the usual in-and-out play of most clubs has emerged some pretty fair fives. Canisus, as usual, looks good. DePaul has another fine club, as has Purdue. Brooklyn is surprising the Big Town fans. Arkansas has its typical tall, powerful team. Texas and Western Kentucky look good.

Dartmouth and Penn lead in the east with Temple and Princeton not far behind. Great Lakes is beating the best of Big Ten teams with ease. The Illinois five is anxious for revenge against the Sailors for an early season 52-44 walloping.

Duke looks good in the South. NYU and St. John's are in the money around New York. In the west Colorado U. promises to have a good club as does Utah. BYU started slowly. Creighton and Washington of St. Louis will do alright.

On the west coast Washington, Washington State and Southern Cal-

## Sid and Bronko Team To Chew the 'Skins

### Washington Eleven Is Consoled With the \$735 Place Money

**WASHINGTON**—The Merchant Marine gets Sid Luckman and as far as the Redskins are concerned the seamen can have him.

All Sid did was pitch five touchdown passes good for a 41-21 win over the Redskins and worth \$1135 to him and his teammates.

Although Sid gets his name in the record book it was old Bronko Nagurski who left the Redskins talking to themselves and the Chicago Bear crowd hoarse from cheering him on in his bull-like rushes.

#### Bronko Is an Old Man

The Bronko has been around so long many fans think he got his start in the wrestling ring. 'Tain't so—Nagurski played some great college ball a number of years ago, but from the way he hit the Redskin line most fans forgot he was an old man of 35 and not one of the youngsters.

Bronko played his first pro ball in five years this past season. He played most of the season at tackle and was just so-so in that position. In the last scheduled game of the season the Bears gave old Bronko the ball and he has not quit running since.

In the championship game the Bronko powered through the 'Skin line for 37 more yards on the ground than any Redskin gained. A lot of that yardage was gained while totin' anywhere from one to five tacklers as well as the ball.

#### Marshall Loses Dignity

Not only did the Redskins lose the game but their owner, Laundryman George Preston Marshall, lost his dignity as well. Marshall attempted to visit the Bear bench near the end of the first half. He was ejected—forcefully. Marshall made some unflattering remarks, a cop or two joined in, Marshall saw the remainder of the game from a box.

It wasn't a total loss for the 'Skins. The Bears banked \$1135, less Uncle Sam's 20 per cent take-off, but the Redskins weren't left exactly destitute, as their cut came to \$735, which isn't exactly hay.

The Redskins lost the ball game in the first play of the game, although they didn't know it then. Slinging Sammy Baugh, head tomahawk wielder, suffered a slight concussion when kicked in the head. He was hearing the birdies sing through most of the first half and didn't get back into the game until the third quarter.

The Redskins, with George Cafego subbing for Baugh, scored first but after that it was the big, bad, Luckman-Nagurski powered Bears all the way.

The Bears scored two touchdowns on pass plays to take a 14-7 lead. They added two more in the third

period to take a 27-7 lead before the wobbly-kneed Baugh pegged one to Farkas.

In the final period the Bears held the ball to keep the Redskins from tossing it around and while holding it managed to score a couple of more tallies. The Redskins took to the air for their last tally.

#### The Game Was Rough

The loss of Baugh was tough on the Washington eleven. The Bears' line pushed Cafego too hard and roughed him up to the point where he had to be taken from the game. Cafego wasn't the only one who was roughed. On a number of occasions team members squared off and only the fast work of the officials saved punches from being tossed.

There was no doubt as to who was the best team. The Bears' line, led by Bulldog Turner, outsmarted and outcharged the Redskins, while the Bear backfield tossed the book of plays at the bewildered visitors.

## For Color, It's The Arab Bowl

**SOMEWHERE IN NORTH AFRICA**—It may lack the sensational beauty of the Rose Bowl and the professional touch of the Sugar Bowl but for color you can't beat the Arab Bowl.

For the soldiers who, in normal years, would be watching or listening to various Bowl game contests, the Arab Bowl has been arranged with two service teams playing for the championship of North Africa.

Cpl. Zeke Bonura, former major league baseman, said, "There will be plenty of color. Five WACs will represent the various units of the service here and Rosalind Russell, screen star, will be honorary queen of the Arab Bowl."

"Before the game there will be a camel race and a donkey race on the main street of the city in which the game is held."

Between halves Arab troops will parade, crack Army paratroopers will bail out and land on the field, and cowboys, now in the Army, will give roping exhibitions from Arabian horses."

## Officer All-Star Team Wins Play-Off Contest

**SCOTT FIELD, Ill.**—An all-star team of officers, headed by Col. Albert T. Wilson, Jr., director of training, who used to play for the United States Military Academy at West Point, defeated a squad of physical training officers, 19-6, in a play-off contest in touch football at this Army Air Forces Training Command radio school. The eleven had previously played to a 7-7 tie, and the All-Stars won the extra tilt on passing of Lt. Wilbur Henry, former University of Illinois grid star.



**JIMMY BLOODWORTH**, former Detroit Tiger second baseman, scoops up a hot one from the barracks floor at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

—Signal Corps Photo.



## Congress Studies Vet Educational Program

WASHINGTON—When Congress returns to the Capitol on Jan. 15, it will find among other bills affecting servicemen to be considered one that incorporates the President's proposal for post-war education of veterans.

Introduced into the House by Representative Barden of North Carolina, chairman of the House Education Committee, the bill (H.R. 3846) is a direct outgrowth of the President's message to Congress on Oct. 27.

Since that time members of the Education Committee have been attempting to formulate a program that would satisfy the requirements listed by the Armed Forces Committee on Postwar Educational Opportunities for Service Personnel.

Mr. Barden told Congressmen that he does not expect all of them to approve of all of the aspects of his bill, and he asked their cooperation in improving it. But the Barden bill is the most concrete to be offered yet and upon it will be built the final legislation providing post-war education.

The Barden bill would pay for one year the tuition and fees of servicemen who enroll in "approved educational or training institutions" for full-time courses within six months after their discharge. In addition, it would pay them \$50 a month subsistence—\$75 if they are married and \$10 extra for each child.

Although normally education costs would be paid only for one year, those servicemen "of exceptional ability and skill" might be selected to continue with their training for three more years.

Servicemen could also enroll for part-time training within 12 months of discharge. For this they would receive no subsistence allowance, but their fees and tuition would be paid. They could continue to receive this privilege for six years after discharge.

The program would be administered by State education departments and students would be required to do satisfactory scholastic

work. There would be a War Service Education and Training Agency which would supervise standards with the help of an advisory council, composed of representatives of governmental agencies and educators. One of the duties of the Agency would be to advise veterans of those fields in which there is a shortage of trained personnel.

Institutions in which a veteran could enroll under the plan include:

1. elementary and secondary schools furnishing education for adults.
2. trade schools.
3. scientific, technical, and vocational training institutions.
4. colleges and universities.
5. certain business establishments providing apprentice and other training on the job.

## New Combat Boot Expected to Take Place of Leggings

WASHINGTON—A new ten-inch leather combat boot, which is expected eventually to replace the shoe-and-legging combination worn by Army Ground Forces and the paratrooper boot worn by parachute troops, has been developed by the Quartermaster Corps, the War Department announced today.

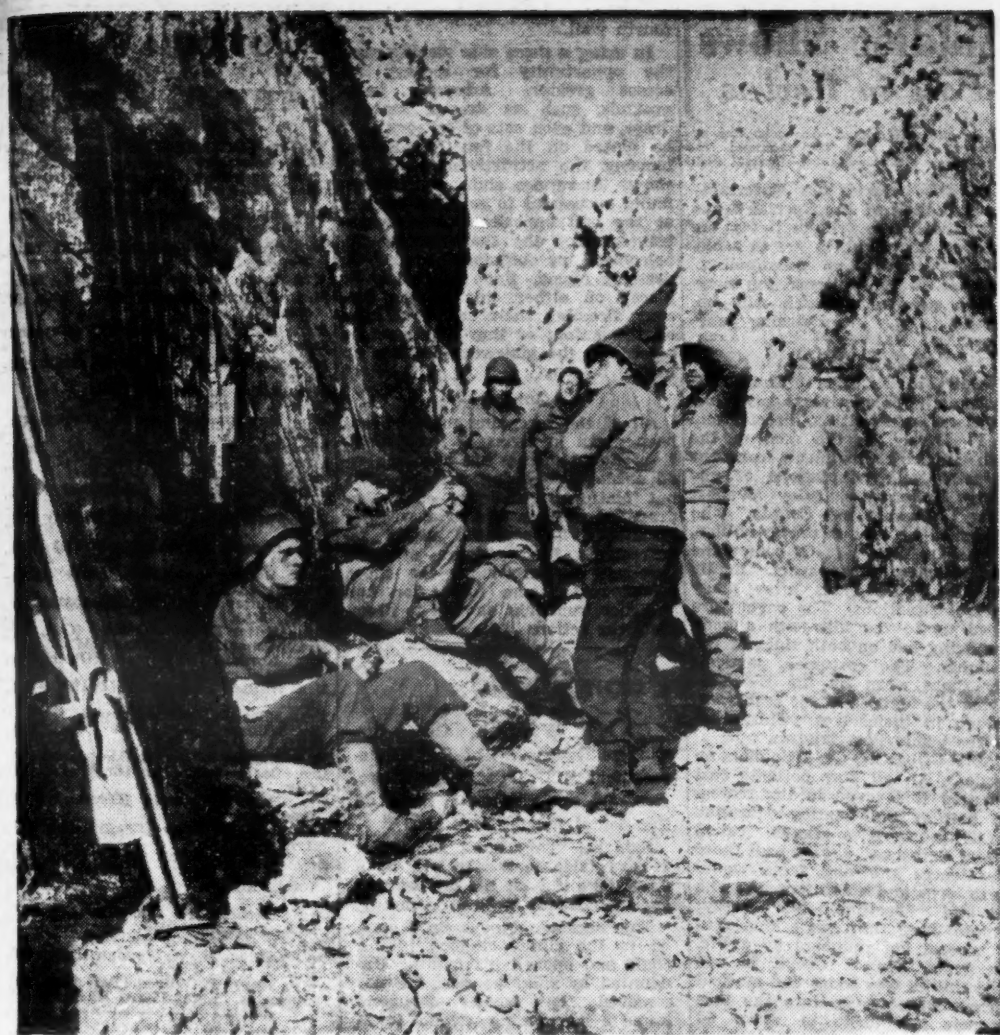
The new foot gear has withstood months of testing on maneuvers in the United States and in combat in North Africa and the Southwest Pacific. Equipped with a wide, two-buckle cuff, the leather in the lower part of the boot has the flesh side turned outward, leaving the smooth grain side next to the wearer's foot, thus affording greater comfort.

Leather in the cuff, which is backed with sturdy canvas, is of lighter weight in the interests of conservation. The lower part of the boot is laced in the conventional manner. The cuff buckles above the ankles, permitting trousers to be tucked in quickly and easily. The sole and heel of the boot are made of synthetic rubber.

The boot was developed primarily to eliminate the use of leggings, the bane of many an Infantryman's existence. Tests proved the new combat boot to be cooler in warm climates than the shoe-and-legging combination, and less easily snagged by underbrush.

## Service Gifts to Buddies

SCOTT FIELD, Ill.—A Christmas orchid ought to be pinned on the chest of Pvt. Jimmy Overton, who for ten days wrapped Yule gifts for soldiers at Scott Field . . . free of charge. Overton wandered into the Exchange one day, pitched in and helped to put up Christmas decorations and later volunteered for the gift counter. At least 700 men had gifts wrapped by him on his time off. He goes to radio classes at night.



**FIFTH ARMY** Yank combat troops and first aid workers look upward to see the inevitable swarms of Nazi planes and ensuing dogfights. The troops are in Zero Pass, a narrow passage between crags on Venafr Ridge, so named because the Nazi artillery has it "Zeroed" (concentrated) for absolute range. Shelling and bombing of this spot is incessant.

## In One Day Physical Record Smashed by Three Officers

LEXINGTON, Va.—Setting up new record scores in the Army Service Forces physical efficiency tests, three officers at the School of Special Service here, accomplished in a single day what hundreds of thousands of officers and enlisted men have been straining muscles to do for months—smash the previous high point score established at Fort Sill, Okla., last summer.

Paced by student officer 1st Lt.

## Southern Tourney Set for January

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—The undefeated Skybuster basketball squad will leave Stewart Monday, Jan. 3, for Rossville, Ga., where it will compete in the Southern Basketball Championship Tournament, scheduled for Jan. 4, 5 and 6.

According to Lt. S. Dean Peterson, the team will be quartered at Fort Oglethorpe while the tourney is in progress. Word from Oglethorpe indicated that the Fort Jackson, S. C., quintet, the Rossville Rams and the Skybusters already have been bracketed as pre-tourney favorites.

The Fort Jackson five, all of whom were with Oglethorpe during the past two seasons, is one of the topnotch service teams in this part of the country and, if Stewart can put the skids under this crew, it will be a gigantic feather in the cap of Major D. P. "Curly" Walton, new Skybuster coach, who formerly coached athletics at Miami University in Ohio.

Working daily under the tutelage of Major Walton, the Skybusters will be ready for the big test.

## Balls Get Four-Star Two-Eagle Send-off

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo.—No scores were recorded but it is doubtful if any balls had as much authority behind them as the first six to roll down the new alleys.

In fact the balls got a four-star, two-eagle send-off as commanders of the post's major units tried their luck at bowling for a strike.

The first bowlers were Brig. Gen. Foster J. Tote, commander of the 75th Division Artillery; Brig. Gen. Gerald St. C. Mickie, assistant commander of the 75th Infantry Division; Brig. Gen. Creswell Garlington, commanding general of the Engineer Replacement Training Center, Col. A. R. Duvall, post commander, and Col. Louis G. Gibney, commander of the Fort's 2d Army troops.

## Military Problems To Be Analyzed For Coast Leaders

WASHINGTON — A confidential analysis of military problems and developments will be given West Coast leaders in the fields of management, labor, and public opinion at a conference at Los Angeles Jan. 7 and 8, sponsored jointly by the War and Navy Departments.

Invitations to the Army-Navy Conference were issued this week. They were signed by Under Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson and Under Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal. They were addressed to approximately 600 representative businessmen and industrialists, representatives of labor and newspapermen in California, Oregon and Washington.

In addition, the field of local government is expected to be represented by the Governors of the three States and the municipal leaders of the principal cities in that area.

Thus, the conferees will comprise a broad cross section of the basic interests of the West Coast.

High-ranking officers and officials of the Army and Navy will present the two-day program. Their discussions will be focused on a factual exposition of current and future military operations. Details of combat will be disclosed by officers with first-hand experiences on the battle fronts, illustrated by documentary motion pictures. Global warfare in its other aspects, including logistics and supply, will be depicted by appropriate authorities.

## Quiz Answers

(See "Army Quiz," Page 11)

1. C.
2. False. You are required to give your name, rank and serial number, but nothing else.
3. B.
4. B.
5. Ligurian, Tyrrhenianum, Ionian, Aegean, Adriatic.
6. A. Kiev. B. Kharkov. C. Dnepropetrovsk. D. Smolensk.
7. C.
8. Spitzbergen. Visited by the Amundsen-Allsworth and the Byrd groups in 1926.
9. Tankers is the name given to the men of the Tank Corps. Fort Knox is the birthplace of the United States' Armored Divisions. It is headquarters of the Armored Command and also the site of the Armored School and Replacement Training Center.
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## Merry Xmas!

CAMP SAN LUIS OBISPO—Pvt. Robert Callahan of the 81st "Wildcat" Infantry Division, received a huge box of Christmas goodies. The package was on his bunk when he entered his hutment. Hutmates couldn't understand when Private Callahan casually opened the package, showing none of the signs of eager anticipation usually in evidence when a dogface receives a shipment of "eats." Then he turned to grin sheepishly, and they knew.

Private Callahan was just back from the clinic, and the dentist hadn't left a tooth in his head.

## Mistaken!

NEWBURGH, N. Y.—"But, mam," insisted the becuripapered WAC to her commanding officer, "the railroad man said there were nine WACs at the station waiting for you."

The lieutenant so addressed insisted that it couldn't be so. "I'd have been notified," she said but decided to call the ticket agent just to make sure.

Routed out of his warm bed a few minutes later, the sleepy station agent gasped, "WACs? I didn't tell her there were any nine WACs waiting for you, mam. I said nine bags."

## Actress Hayes Finds Latrinograms Efficient

NEW YORK—Last June, following a performance of "Harriet" at Ft. Meade, Md., Actress Helen Hayes promised each man in attendance that if he'd see her when he was in New York, she'd get him a ticket to a good Broadway show. There were exactly 2,000 men in that audience and to date, Miss Hayes has filled requests for 2,312 tickets!

Possibly her first experience with a latrine rumor, Miss Hayes is resigned to her fate. "I'm not at all unhappy about the offer," she said, "but you don't think there's a chance that word of it has been passed out to the entire United States Army, do you?"

## Brigham Young Knows Why We Are Fighting

CAMP ROBERTS, Cal.—Brigham Young, Jr., a direct descendant of the man who led the Mormons across 1500 miles of wilderness in 1847 to found Salt Lake City, is a private in Btry. B, 56th F. A. Tng. Bn. here.

Holding a rank in the Mormon church just below that of high priest, Private Young has several times visited Europe on behalf of the Latter Day Saint. He was in Austria during the Anschluss and tells of seeing an Austrian pianist forced to scrub the floor. The Nazis made her use a solution in the water which permanently stiffened her fingers. Such incidents, he says, have given him a clearer idea of what the United Nations are fighting for.

## Camp's Film Attendance 150,000 in November

CAMP GORDON JOHNSTON, Fla.—With an attendance of 150,000 to the 1,300 separate showings of 300 different training films during the month of November, a new record was set at Camp Gordon Johnston for this part of Army training. It was announced by Lt. Herold W. Edelberg, Post Visual Aid Coordinator.

In several sites on the post movie projectors ran 8 hours a day or more with various units marching into the projection tents after another. These films run from ten minutes to one hour and two of them have been made at Camp Gordon Johnston. They were "Invasion in the Making"—"Training New Amphibious Troops," which featured the 28th Division. The other was "105 Howitzer in Ship to Shore Movements," with 75 CIT Bn furnishing the action.

According to Lieutenant Edelberg the most popular films with the soldiers here are "Sucker Balt," a 45-minute film dealing with the necessity of safeguarding military information; "Baptism of Fire," a 37-minute film demonstrating to the soldier the proper attitude of going into battle, and "Malaria Cause and Control," which teaches Army personnel how to safeguard their health.

## Soldier Shows Pass in Review

"Give me a thousand men who are entertained rather than ten thousand who have had no entertainment."—General John J. Pershing.

In this column the Entertainment Section of the Special Services Division contribute items on Soldier Shows which are in some way interesting or outstanding. Perhaps in these items you may find a suggestion which will be helpful to you in producing your show.

### OVER HERE:

CAMP MCCOY, Wis.—"The Perils of Fanny." This original gay nineties melodrama written, directed and acted entirely by the men of the 385th Infantry Regiment, concerns the trials and tribulations of one Fanny Hefferwaite, "the loveliest flower in Swampwash County," who is pursued by that dastardly villain, Morgan De Wolf. . . . Of course the hero, Homer Strongheart, finally foils De Wolf's plans after many hilarious situations. The parts were played up to the hilt with a good time being had on both sides of the footlights. The costumes, particularly those worn by the EM portraying the females in the cast, were a laugh in themselves. This show had the whole Post talkin' . . .

CAMP GORDON, Ga.—"Soldiers on Parade." An all star patients cast presented this revue in the recreation hall at the Station Hospital. Highlights were a sketch called "Dream Barracks," showing all those conveniences the dog faces would like to have, and a 1st Sergeant who pampered everyone like crazy; "Jumpin' Jive" that was a knockout, and several hot numbers by a Pfc. "Harmonica King." Credit is due to the skillful way songs and musical numbers were woven into the various acts and made to serve as bridges between numbers. As a finale a fashion show of "What the Well Dressed Soldier's Wife Will Wear" was shown on the stage with a bevy of beauties of the Gray Ladies' Corps of the Station Hospital. This show was a million dollar "spirit-booster."

FORT MCLELLAN, Ala.—"Khaki Kapers." The highlights of this revue was an original dramatic playlet "Somewhere in the Pacific," an effective and moving sketch, showing the humor and courage of John Doughboy in action. The script, acted by an all-EM cast, held the attention every second. The program included a GI pianist with some night club impressions, two first rate dancers (tap and specialty), and some soldier singers that were a treat for feminine hearts. A series of Hollywood Impressions, a magician, and an Emcee with a sure-fire comedy style all his own, topped off a fast, well-routined little show.

### OVER THERE

AUSTRALIA—"Wal' I'll be Durned." This hit show is now making the rounds of the Infantry units. A peppy GI did a hayseed Orson Welles by writing, directing and devising the comic properties used in this hillbilly epic, with first rate co-operation from soldier actors, singers, dancers and musicians. The Aussies are gently lampooned as well as the Yanks, and songs are used to advantage that are dear to the residents of the Island Continent.

An ambitious production of Robert Sherwood's "Petrified Forest" is in rehearsal, with a complete and realistic set being readied by the GIs.

NORTH AFRICA—"GI Jitterbugs." A strictly GI Jitterbug contest whipped up to a smash success when a gang of soldier and sailor talent pooled their ability to step and make garments as a partner, and the men dancers had on all sorts of zoot suits and comedy costumes with a wide range of colors and designs. A trophy was awarded to the winning team, two colored soldiers, who were acclaimed by the audience and given top billing. Everybody was steppin' at the close of the show.

### PRODUCTION NOTES

Central Staging, Item 5  
Selection of Plays  
The best type of plays (either one-act or full length) adaptable to central staging are comedies. Care should be taken in their selection to avoid those wherein the action is too violent and those demanding too many sets. The good taste of the soldier producer should guide him as it would in any other case.

### Indoors

Floor shows, variety hours, and musical revues lend themselves ideally to the central staging style. As proof of this, one has merely to watch the average floor show staged in a night club.

Care should be taken in this case to "work" to all the audience. To facilitate this, it is recommended that the acting area be surrounded on three sides by the audience, rather than the usual four sides. If three sides are used, the fourth side allows for an orchestra, or whatever background the director desires. Entrances of necessity should be placed

on either or both sides, close to the fourth wall.

In using a three side playing area, the opportunity for scenery becomes greater. Adequate backgrounds, such as drapes, screens, drops, and even sets of scenery, may be placed on the fourth side, enhancing the attractiveness of the show. In service clubs, it has been found successful to set this scenery at the end opposite the main entrance, using the space under the balconies for off-stage space, or dressing rooms. Spot lights may be placed on either side of the balcony directing their beams of light on the action; or they may even be placed on the stairways leading up to the balcony.

### Outdoors

All of the foregoing material has been given in terms of fixed facilities. Equal success has been achieved outdoors, working with or without platforms, audience chairs or drapes, providing, of course, weather permits. The essential scenic requirements for outdoors are the necessary properties for the show, an adequate space for action and audience, and light enough to illuminate the action.

## Boomerang

CAMP WHITE, Ore.—Pfc. Charles Rubenstein of DEML Detachment SCU 1913, Camp White, chuckled as he read his name on the dental appointment list.

Said he, "They don't know that I have false teeth. It will be a great joke if I let the dentist find out the horrible truth for himself."

This decided, Rubenstein reported to the clinic, climbed into a chair and opened his mouth. Undaunted by what he saw, the doc removed the pseudo choppers, found a late-coming wisdom tooth just breaking surface and promptly extracted it.—Today, with the first tooth-ache he has had in years, Rubenstein is a sadder and wiser man.

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# Not How Much But What We Build Will Be Changed in '44, Says WD

WASHINGTON—War deliveries in 1944 must be in excess of deliveries made in 1943 to meet essential requirements, and hence no immediate relaxation in our production effort is in sight, the War Department announced this week. This forecast was made despite the fact that the production peak for parts of the program has been passed.

The War Department explained that maximum rates of delivery and the maximum use of productive capacity do not occur simultaneously. Much of the present production is on component parts and accessories which will go into completed guns, tanks, planes and other pieces of army equipment for delivery during the first half of 1944.

### No Prediction for '45

By the same token, war production in the latter half of 1944 will be importantly governed by deliveries of complete products required in the first half of 1945. The requirements now foreseeable for 1945 do not indicate any major reduction in the production needed on military supplies, but a definite prediction that war ahead is impossible as the trend of the war in 1944 will, of course, importantly affect requirements.

The War Department pointed out that there would be considerable shifting in production in 1944 to meet changing war conditions. It also stated that readjustments are being made in the number of installations and facilities needed for army training purposes.

Many of the changes having a far-reaching effect on the war production structure are the direct result of all-out attack rather than defensive warfare. Other revisions clearly indicate that the tremendous job of providing original equipment for the Army has been successfully concluded with future procurement leveling to a replacement basis.

Production is being retarded and, in some instances, halted completely, as war materials which were critically needed two years ago, or even a year ago, the War Department announced. Production of other materials, however, must be speeded up to meet new and changing demands of the many battlefronts.

### Need More Trucks

The production of heavy trucks, needed as our supply lines lengthen, is now going upward, and the huge army aircraft program continues to grow, with total production next year scheduled for 75 per cent more than this year's dollar volume.

Demand of the growing air fleets, and of our swift-moving divisions, is pushing production for Signal Corps equipment upward 80 per cent from January levels to November, with further increases in prospect.

The requirements for new bases and bridgeheads in recently occupied territories and of rebuilding what the Germans and Japanese have destroyed, will send demands for steel, building materials and heavy construction equipment to new highs.

The War Department emphasized that reductions in the production of certain items do not justify unwarranted optimism for an early end of the war. Rather, they signify the opening of new and more difficult phases.

The year just closing has seen the production levels begin to decline for tanks and small arms ammunition, as well as for rifles, machine guns, bayonets, and similar small arms materiel. Artillery levels have moved downward, but the production of artillery ammunition is moving upward. Greater production of combat planes is necessary. Heavy trucks are needed in greater numbers.

### Tactics Cause Changes

Production shifts, which will continue throughout the duration of the war, not only are the result of tactical changes in the fighting and the conclusion of the training phase for large portions of our troops, but also result from the movement of more and more soldiers overseas and the shifting of the geographical location of the battle.

Expansion of Army posts, camps and stations in this country reached a peak in July, 1943, when continued large-scale movements of troops to overseas theaters began to exceed the number of new troops inducted. Requirements for housing and training facilities will continue to decline as the continental strength of the Army falls off.

Readjustments in specific categories of the war production program have been influenced by various factors. An over-all yardstick cannot be laid upon the program. For example, tank production during the latter part of the year has leveled off by approximately 36 per cent from earlier 1943 production levels. This was due in part to the need for ships. Available steel had to be diverted from other

items. Too, there was a declining need from our Allies for tanks as supplied through lease-lend. The rise in effectiveness of antitank weapons also affected the relative importance of the tank as a weapon in various types and places of battle.

### Small Arms Plants Closed

Closing of several small arms ammunition plants has been announced in recent weeks. Some are turning to other production, some being kept in a stand-by position in the event future developments require a resumption of production. This program is now tapering toward a decline of about 36 per cent, on a dollar volume basis, from the totals of 1943. In this connection, as in a number of other cases, the explanation is one of mass production hitting its stride. Starting from virtually nothing in the way of facilities, this country when attacked needed to build an immediate stockpile of ammunition for defense and for troop training. There was need for all types of facilities that could quickly turn out small arms ammunition. Once facilities were built and working, it was possible to produce such ammunition in great amounts. With a backlog for safety now built up, it is possible to cut the rate to replacement levels releasing certain facilities for other uses.

A similar situation exists in small arms. Rifles and machine guns lend themselves to huge mass production once facilities are created. This year through November, production of small arms materiel rose about 80 per cent from the last January level. It is now starting downward to a level 30 per cent below the November 1943 peak production.

The artillery production rate was off more than 18 per cent last month as compared with January and is continuing to drop. This largely reflects the shift from defense to offense. A sharp reduction has taken

## Despite Winter, Maneuver Army Has Licked Disease

WITH SECOND ARMY ON MANEUVERS, Somewhere in Tennessee—Operating under rigid simulated combat conditions in winter maneuvers for the first time, Second Army troops are satisfactorily repelling the invasion menace of respiratory diseases which have infested many civilian areas in recent weeks.

Soldiers on maneuvers oft-times are cold and wet, and operations during tactical problems necessitates the use of emergency rations for some personnel. Lack of warm foods and long hours of exposure, however,

### Brig. Gen. Miller CO Engineer Unit

CENTER CAMP, Sutton, N. C.—Brig. Gen. Lehman W. Miller, who has had 28 years of experience with the Army Engineers, has been appointed commanding officer of Engineer Unit Training at this post.

Following graduation from West Point, General Miller was appointed a second lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, in 1915. He began his service with an assignment to border patrol duty with the Mexican punitive expedition in 1916. Following that, he was assigned to Plattsburgh Barracks, N. Y., as Engineer Officer and Instructor at the Officers Training Camp.

In 1919, he enrolled in the Engineer School, Camp A. A. Humphreys, Va., graduating in 1920. During this period he visited France, Germany and England on an observation tour. The same year he was detailed to the United States Military Academy as Instructor. In 1927 he was sent to the Panama Canal Zone as Engineer in charge of defense works construction.

General Miller was graduated from the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kans., in 1932, following which he became an instructor at the Engineer School, Fort Belvoir, Va. In 1934 he was ordered to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, for duty as a member of the American Military Mission to Brazil, part of the time serving as Chief of the Mission.

He returned to the United States in February, 1939, and became Engineer in charge of the 1st New Orleans District at New Orleans, La. In 1940 he was graduated from the Army War College in Washington, D. C. In June of that year he was chosen as chief of the United States Military Mission at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. In 1942 he was assigned to the Engineer Replacement Training Center at Fort Belvoir, Va.

place in the output of antitank guns for home protection. With the increase in U. S. airpower, less anti-aircraft artillery is needed in defense installations. Thus, the production rate on antiaircraft has been cut approximately in half from previous peak levels.

### Medical Department Steps Down

The Medical Department will step-down its over-all purchases next year, but will need more than half a million additional units of blood plasma. Only one-half of this year's requirements for X-ray and surgical appliances will be necessary.

In Chemical Warfare, production of incendiary bombs and smoke materials must be doubled but the production of other chemical agents will decline as strategic reserves are attained.

The situation, so far as the continued maintenance of Army camps and posts in the continental United States is concerned, is directly influenced by the steady drop in the military population as more and more troops move overseas. In the interests of economy in manpower and money, the War Department does not intend to maintain posts, stations and bases when their usefulness has expired.

Moreover, all new construction of military installations or production facilities will be avoided where possible by converting excess existing facilities to new needs.

Some of the quickly established air bases designed to combat a possible enemy air invasion will be put on a stand-by basis. Camps deserted by their troops will be closed. Service facilities such as laundries, bakeries, etc., whose "customers" are overseas, must be shut down. To date, eleven induction centers, seven reception centers, and one small Army post have been de-activated and a slow, gradual and orderly reduction affecting other Army installations may be expected.

are not reflected in medical records.

In the last four weeks, weeks which included two cold waves, the health record of maneuver troops is one to be envied by a city equal to the military population of the maneuver area.

In the week ending Dec. 24, a week which included the end of one cold wave and the start of another, only one and six-tenths per cent of the maneuver force, comparable to the population of Jackson, Miss., were entered on the medical department records. That includes all classes of accidents and illnesses.

Many civilians favor home-treatment for minor colds and ills. In the Army, however, every man who becomes sick enough to be in bed must be hospitalized. Medical personnel must care for even the slightest ill.

Carrying the comparison to Jackson further, if its people were as healthy as the maneuver army six-tenths of one per cent of them would have had common respiratory diseases during the week ending Dec. 24. That would mean only 700 Jacksonians with even slight colds—and anyone knows that you can find that many hacking coughs in any fair-sized theater.

In this same period, three-tenths of one per cent of the maneuver force had to be hospitalized for respiratory diseases. Many of the cases were colds that would require nothing more than a day or two absence from the office for a civilian. In the Army, if your cold results in an elevation of temperature, to the hospital you go.

Taking the entire month of December, the week ending Dec. 3, found the medical personnel handling approximately one per cent of the maneuver troops. The percentage with common respiratory diseases was .02 and only .01 per cent were required to be hospitalized, the remainder returning to duty during the week. The number of pneumonia cases is negligible.

The next week the figures were: All cases, one and five-tenths per cent; common respiratory disease, .04; total hospitalized, .02.

For the week ending Dec. 17 it ran: All cases, one and five-tenths per cent; respiratory diseases, .06; total hospitalized, .03.

For week ending Dec. 24 it was: All cases, one and six-tenths per cent; respiratory diseases, .06; hospitalized, .03.

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CAMP SAN LUIS OBISPO—Pvt. Robert Callahan of the 81st "Wildcat" Infantry Division, received a huge box of Christmas goodies. The package was on his bunk when he entered his hutment. Hutmates couldn't understand when Private Callahan casually opened the package, showing none of the signs of eager anticipation usually in evidence when a dogface receives a shipment of "eats." Then he turned to grin sheepishly, and they knew.

Private Callahan was just back from the clinic, and the dentist hadn't left a tooth in his head.

## Mistaken!

NEWBURGH, N. Y.—"But, mam," insisted the becuripapered WAC CQ to her commanding officer, "the railroad man said there were nine WACs at the station waiting for you."

The lieutenant so addressed insisted that it couldn't be so. "I'd have been notified," she said but decided to call the ticket agent just to make sure.

Routed out of his warm bed a few minutes later, the sleepy station agent gasped, "WACs? I didn't tell her there were any nine WACs waiting for you, mam. I said nine bags."

## Actress Hayes Finds Latrinograms Efficient

NEW YORK—Last June, following a performance of "Harriet" at Ft. Meade, Md., Actress Helen Hayes promised each man in attendance that if he'd see her when he was in New York, she'd get him a ticket to a good Broadway show. There were exactly 2,000 men in that audience and to date, Miss Hayes has filled requests for 2,312 tickets!

Possibly her first experience with a latrine rumor, Miss Hayes is resigned to her fate. "I'm not at all unhappy about the offer," she said, "but you don't think there's a chance that word of it has been passed out to the entire United States Army, do you?"

## Brigham Young Knows Why We Are Fighting

CAMP ROBERTS, Cal.—Brigham Young, Jr., a direct descendant of the man who led the Mormons across 1500 miles of wilderness in 1847 to found Salt Lake City, is a private in Btry. B, 56th F. A. Tng. Bn. here.

Holding a rank in the Mormon church just below that of high priest, Private Young has several times visited Europe on behalf of the Latter Day Saint. He was in Austria during the Anschluss and tells of seeing an Austrian pianist forced to scrub the floor. The Nazis made her use a solution in the water which permanently stiffened her fingers. Such incidents, he says, have given him a clearer idea of what the United Nations are fighting for.

## Camp's Film Attendance 150,000 in November

CAMP GORDON JOHNSTON, Fla.—With an attendance of 150,000 to the 1,300 separate showings of 300 different training films during the month of November, a new record was set at Camp Gordon Johnston for this part of Army training. It was announced by Lt. Herold W. Edelberg, Post Visual Aid Coordinator.

In several sites on the post movie projectors ran 8 hours a day or more with various units marching into the projection tents after another. These films run from ten minutes to one hour and two of them have been made at Camp Gordon Johnston. They were, "Invasion in the Making"—"Training New Amphibious Troops," which featured the 28th Division. The other was "105 Howitzer in Ship to Shore Movements," with 75 CIT Bn furnishing the action.

According to Lieutenant Edelberg the most popular films with the soldiers here are: "Sucker Balt," a 45-minute film dealing with the necessity of safeguarding military information; "Baptism of Fire," a 37-minute film demonstrating to the soldier the proper attitude of going into battle, and "Malaria Cause and Control," which teaches Army personnel how to safeguard their health.

## Soldier Shows Pass in Review

"Give me a thousand men who are entertained, rather than ten thousand who have had no entertainment."—General John J. Pershing.

In this column the Entertainment Section of the Special Services Division contribute items on Soldiers Shows which are in some way interesting or outstanding. Perhaps in these items you may find a suggestion which will be helpful to you in producing your show.

### OVER HERE:

CAMP MCCOY, Wis.—"The Perils of Fanny." This original gay nineties melodrama written, directed and acted entirely by the men of the 385th Infantry Regiment, concerns the trials and tribulations of one Fanny Hefferwaite, "the loveliest flower in Swampwash County," who is pursued by that dastardly villain, Morgan De Wolf. . . . Of course the hero, Homer Strongheart, finally foils De Wolf's plans after many hilarious situations. The parts were played up to the hilt with a good time being had on both sides of the footlights. The costumes, particularly those worn by the EM portraying the females in the cast, were a laugh in themselves. This show had the whole Post talkin' . . .

CAMP GORDON, Ga.—"Soldiers on Parade." An all star patients cast presented this revue in the recreation hall at the Station Hospital. Highlights were a sketch called "Dream Barracks," showing all those conveniences the dog faces would like to have, and a 1st Sergeant who pampered everyone like crazy; "Jumpin' Jive" that was a knockout, and several hot numbers by a Pfc. "Harmonica King." Credit is due to the skillful way songs and musical numbers were woven into the various acts and made to serve as bridges between numbers. As a finale a fashion show of "What the Well Dressed Soldier's Wife Will Wear" was shown on the stage with a bevy of beauties of the Gray Ladies Corps of the Station Hospital. This show was a million dollar "spirit-booster."

FORT MCLELLAN, Ala.—"Khaki Kapers." The highlights of this revue was an original dramatic playlet "Somewhere in the Pacific," an effective and moving sketch, showing the humor and courage of John Doughboy in action. The script, acted by an all-EM cast, held the attention every second. The program included a GI pianist with some night club impressions, two first rate dancers (tap and specialty), and some soldier singers that were a treat for feminine hearts. A series of Hollywood impressions, a magician, and an Emcee with a sure-fire comedy style all his own, topped off a fast, well-routined little show.

### OVER THERE

AUSTRALIA—"Wal' I'll be Durned." This hit show is now making the rounds of the Infantry units. A peppy GI did a hayseed Orson Welles by writing, directing and devising the comic properties used in this hillbilly epic, with first rate co-operation from soldier actors, singers, dancers and musicians. The Aussies are gently lampooned as well as the Yanks, and songs are used to advantage that are dear to the residents of the Island Continent.

An ambitious production of Robert Sherwood's "Petrified Forest" is in rehearsal, with a complete and realistic set being readied by the GI's.

NORTH AFRICA—"GI Jitterbugs." A strictly GI Jitterbug contest whipped up to a smash success when a gang of soldier and sailor talent pooled their ability to step and make garments as a partner, and the men dancers had on all sorts of zoot suits and comedy costumes with a wide range of colors and designs. A trophy was awarded to the winning team, two colored soldiers, who were acclaimed by the audience and given top billing. Everybody was steppin' at the close of the show.

### PRODUCTION NOTES

Central Staging, Item 5  
Selection of Plays  
The best type of plays (either one-act or full length) adaptable to central staging are comedies. Care should be taken in their selection to avoid those wherein the action is too violent and those demanding too many sets. The good taste of the soldier producer should guide him as it would in any other case.

### Indoors

Floor shows, variety hours, and musical revues lend themselves ideally to the central staging style. As proof of this, one has merely to watch the average floor show staged in a night club.

Care should be taken in this case to "work" to all the audience. To facilitate this, it is recommended that the acting area be surrounded on three sides by the audience, rather than the usual four sides. If three sides are used, the fourth side allows for an orchestra, or whatever background the director desires. Entrances of necessity should be placed

on either or both sides, close to the fourth wall.

In using a three side playing area, the opportunity for scenery becomes greater. Adequate back-grounds, such as drapes, screens, drops, and even sets of scenery, may be placed on the fourth side, enhancing the attractiveness of the show. In service clubs, it has been found successful to set this scenery at the end opposite the main entrance, using the space under the balconies for off-stage space, or dressing rooms. Spot lights may be placed on either side of the balcony directing their beams of light on the action; or they may even be placed on the stairways leading up to the balcony.

### Outdoors

All of the foregoing material has been given in terms of fixed facilities. Equal success has been achieved outdoors, working with or without platforms, audience chairs or drapes, providing, of course, weather permits. The essential scenic requirements for outdoors are the necessary properties for the show, an adequate space for action and audience, and light enough to illuminate the action.

## Boomerang

CAMP WHITE, Ore.—Pfc. Charles Rubenstein of DEML Detachment SCU 1913, Camp White, chuckled as he read his name on the dental appointment list.

Said he, "They don't know that I have false teeth. It will be a great joke if I let the dentist find out the horrible truth for himself."

This decided, Rubenstein reported to the clinic, climbed into a chair and opened his mouth. Undaunted by what he saw, the doc removed the pseudo choppers, found a late-coming wisdom tooth just breaking surface and promptly extracted it.—Today, with the first tooth-ache he has had in years, Rubenstein is a sadder and wiser man.

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# Not How Much But What We Build Will Be Changed in '44, Says WD

WASHINGTON—War deliveries in 1944 must be in excess of deliveries made in 1943 to meet essential requirements, and hence no immediate relaxation in our production effort is in sight, the War Department announced this week. This forecast was made despite the fact that the production peak for parts of the program has been passed.

The War Department explained that maximum rates of delivery and the maximum use of productive capacity do not occur simultaneously. Much of the present production is on component parts and accessories which will go into completed guns, tanks, planes and other pieces of Army equipment for delivery during the first half of 1944.

**No Prediction for '45**

By the same token, war production in the latter half of 1944 will be importantly governed by deliveries of complete products required in the first half of 1945. The requirements now foreseeable for 1945 do not indicate any major reduction in the production needed on military supplies, but a definite prediction that far ahead is impossible as the trend of the war in 1944 will, of course, importantly affect requirements later.

The War Department pointed out that there would be considerable shifting in production in 1944 to meet changing war conditions. It also stated that readjustments are being made in the number of installations and facilities needed for Army training purposes.

Many of the changes having a far-reaching effect on the war production structure are the direct result of all-out attack rather than defensive warfare. Other revisions clearly indicate that the tremendous job of providing original equipment for the Army has been successfully concluded with future procurement leveling to a replacement basis.

Production is being retarded and, in some instances, halted completely, on war materials which were critically needed two years ago, or even a year ago, the War Department announced. Production of other materials, however, must be speeded up to meet new and changing demands of the many battlefronts.

**Need More Trucks**

The production of heavy trucks, needed as our supply lines lengthen, is now going upward, and the huge Army aircraft program continues to grow, with total production next year scheduled for 75 per cent more than this year's dollar volume.

Demand of the growing air fleets, and of our swift-moving divisions, sent production for Signal Corps equipment upward 80 per cent from January levels to November, with further increases in prospect.

The requirements for new bases and bridgeheads in recently occupied territories and of rebuilding what the Germans and Japanese have destroyed, will send demands for steel landing mats and heavy construction equipment to new highs.

The War Department emphasized that reductions in the production of certain items do not justify unwarranted optimism for an early end of the war. Rather, they signify the opening of new and more difficult phases.

The year just closing has seen the production levels begin to decline for tanks and small arms ammunition, as well as for rifles, machine guns, bayonets, and similar small arms materiel. Artillery levels have moved downward, but the production of artillery ammunition is moving upward. Greater production of combat planes is necessary. Heavy trucks are needed in greater numbers.

**Tactics Cause Changes**

Production shifts, which will continue throughout the duration of the war, not only are the result of tactical changes in the fighting and the conclusion of the training phase for large portions of our troops, but also result from the movement of more and more soldiers overseas and the shifting of the geographical location of the battle.

Expansion of Army posts, camps and stations in this country reached a peak in July, 1943, when continued large-scale movements of troops to overseas theaters began to exceed the number of new troops inducted. Requirements for housing and training facilities will continue to decline as the continental strength of the Army falls off.

Readjustments in specific categories of the war production program have been influenced by various factors. An over-all yardstick cannot be laid upon the program. For example, tank production during the latter part of the year has leveled downward by approximately 36 per cent from earlier 1943 production levels. This was due in part to the greater need for ships. Available

items. Too, there was a declining need from our Allies for tanks as supplied through lease-lend. The rise in effectiveness of antitank weapons also affected the relative importance of the tank as a weapon in various types and places of battle.

## Small Arms Plants Closed

Closing of several small arms ammunition plants has been announced in recent weeks. Some are turning to other production, some being kept in a stand-by position in the event future developments require a resumption of production. This program is now tapering toward a decline of about 36 per cent, on a dollar volume basis, from the totals of 1943. In this connection, as in a number of other cases, the explanation is one of mass production hitting its stride. Starting from virtually nothing in the way of facilities, this country when attacked needed to build an immediate stockpile of ammunition for defense and for troop training. There was need for all types of facilities that could quickly turn out small arms ammunition. Once facilities were built and working, it was possible to produce such ammunition in great amounts. With a backlog for safety now built up, it is possible to cut the rate to replacement levels releasing certain facilities for other uses.

A similar situation exists in small arms. Rifles and machine guns lend themselves to huge mass production once facilities are created. This year through November, production of small arms materiel rose about 80 per cent from the last January level. It is now starting downward to a level 30 per cent below the November 1943 peak production.

The artillery production rate was off more than 18 per cent last month as compared with January and is continuing to drop. This largely reflects the shift from defense to offense. A sharp reduction has taken

## Despite Winter, Maneuver Army Has Licked Disease

WITH SECOND ARMY ON MANEUVERS, Somewhere in Tennessee—Operating under rigid simulated combat conditions in winter maneuvers for the first time, Second Army troops are satisfactorily repelling the invasion menace of respiratory diseases which have infested many civilian areas in recent weeks.

Soldiers on maneuvers oft-times are cold and wet, and operations during tactical problems necessitates the use of emergency rations for some personnel. Lack of warm foods and long hours of exposure, however,

## Brig. Gen. Miller CO Engineer Unit

CENTER CAMP, Sutton, N. C.—Brig. Gen. Lehman W. Miller, who has had 28 years of experience with the Army Engineers, has been appointed commanding officer of Engineer Unit Training at this post.

Following graduation from West Point, General Miller was appointed a second lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, in 1915. He began his service with an assignment to border patrol duty with the Mexican punitive expedition in 1916. Following that, he was assigned to Plattsburgh Barracks, N. Y., as Engineer Officer and Instructor at the Officers Training Camp.

In 1919, he enrolled in the Engineer School, Camp A. A. Humphreys, Va., graduating in 1920. During this period he visited France, Germany and England on an observation tour. The same year he was detailed to the United States Military Academy as Instructor. In 1927 he was sent to the Panama Canal Zone as Engineer in charge of defense works construction.

General Miller was graduated from the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kans., in 1932, following which he became an instructor at the Engineer School, Fort Belvoir, Va. In 1934 he was ordered to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, for duty as a member of the American Military Mission to Brazil, part of the time serving as Chief of the Mission.

He returned to the United States in February, 1939, and became Engineer in charge of the 1st New Orleans District at New Orleans La. In 1940 he was graduated from the Army War College in Washington, D. C. In June of that year he was chosen as chief of the United States Military Mission at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. In 1942 he was assigned to the Engineer Replacement Training Center at Fort Belvoir, Va.

place in the output of antitank guns for home protection. With the increase in U. S. airpower, less anti-aircraft artillery is needed in defense installations. Thus, the production rate on antiaircraft has been cut approximately in half from previous peak levels.

## Medical Department Steps Down

The Medical Department will step-down its over-all purchases next year, but will need more than half a million additional units of blood plasma. Only one-half of this year's requirements for X-ray and surgical appliances will be necessary.

In Chemical Warfare, production of incendiary bombs and smoke materials must be doubled but the production of other chemical agents will decline as strategic reserves are attained.

The situation, so far as the continued maintenance of Army camps and posts in the continental United States is concerned, is directly influenced by the steady drop in the military population as more and more troops move overseas. In the interests of economy in manpower and money, the War Department does not intend to maintain posts, stations and bases when their usefulness has expired.

Moreover, all new construction of military installations or production facilities will be avoided where possible by converting excess existing facilities to new needs.

Some of the quickly established air bases designed to combat a possible enemy air invasion will be put on a stand-by basis. Camps deserted by their troops will be closed. Service facilities such as laundries, bakeries, etc., whose "customers" are overseas, must be shut down. To date, eleven induction centers, seven reception centers, and one small Army post have been de-activated and a slow, gradual and orderly reduction affecting other Army installations may be expected.

are not reflected in medical records.

In the last four weeks, weeks which included two cold waves, the health record of maneuver troops is one to be envied by a city equal to the military population of the maneuver area.

In the week ending Dec. 24, a week which included the end of one cold wave and the start of another, only one and six-tenths per cent of the maneuver force, comparable to the population of Jackson, Miss., were entered on the medical department records. That includes all classes of accidents and illnesses.

Many civilians favor home-treatment for minor colds and ills. In the Army, however, every man who becomes sick enough to be in bed must be hospitalized. Medical personnel must care for even the slightest ill.

Carrying the comparison to Jackson further, if its people were as healthy as the maneuver army six-tenths of one per cent of them would have had common respiratory diseases during the week ending December 24. That would mean only 700 Jacksonians with even slight colds—and anyone knows that you can find that many hacking coughs in any fair-sized theater.

In this same period, three-tenths of one per cent of the maneuver force had to be hospitalized for respiratory diseases. Many of the cases were colds that would require nothing more than a day or two absence from the office for a civilian. In the Army, if your cold results in an elevation of temperature, to the hospital you go.

Taking the entire month of December, the week ending Dec. 3, found the medical personnel handling approximately one per cent of the maneuver troops. The percentage with common respiratory diseases was .02 and only .01 per cent were required to be hospitalized, the remainder returning to duty during the week. The number of pneumonia cases is negligible.

The next week the figures were: All cases, one and five-tenths per cent; common respiratory disease, .04; total hospitalized, .02.

For the week ending Dec. 17 it ran: All cases, one and five-tenths per cent; respiratory diseases, .06; total hospitalized, .03.

For week ending Dec. 24 it was: All cases, one and six-tenths per cent; respiratory diseases, .06; hospitalized, .03.

A BLACKSMITH from North Carolina who became an Army blacksmith hasn't seen a horse since he enlisted. He straightens bumpers and fixes fenders on jeeps and trucks.

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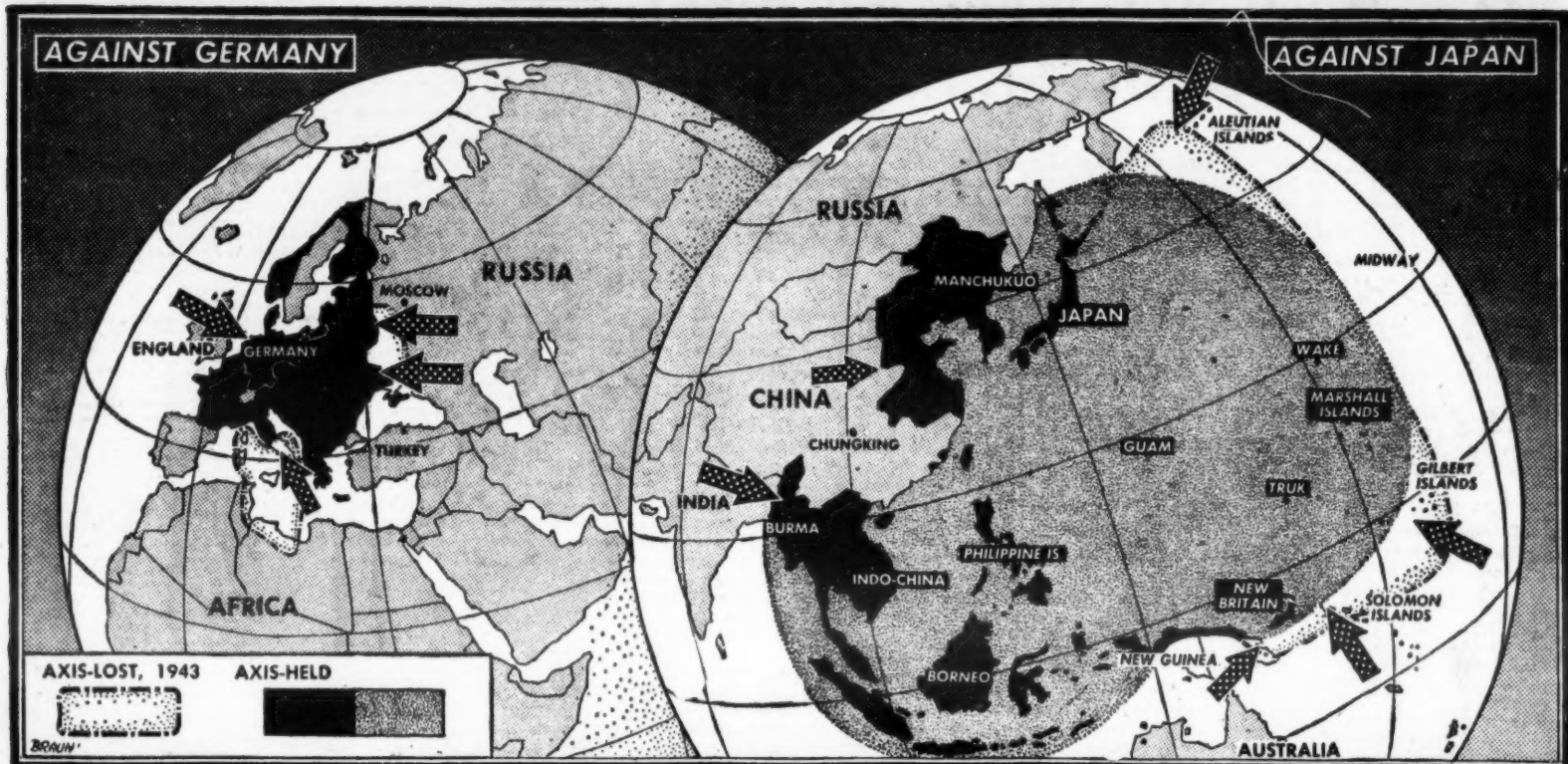
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## Clouds Don't Stop B-17's With Secret Equipment

WASHINGTON—American daylight heavy bombers are using new secret equipment which permits them to hit German targets despite heavy cloud cover, as much as 25,000 feet thick in one case, Maj. Gen. Frederick L. Anderson Jr., commanding general of the Eighth Bomber Command, revealed this week.

General Anderson said that he could not disclose details of the equipment, although he implied that it owed much of its success to superior navigation instruments. He said that it had been used during the months of November and December, when, despite heavy clouds, more than 15 tons of high explosive bombs and incendiaries were dropped by American bombers.

### Still Below British

This total—more than 6,400 tons in November and more than 9,000 tons in December—is still below that dropped by the British, said the top ranking American bomber commander in England, who is back in the U. S. to make a personal report to Gen. H. H. Arnold, commanding general of the Army Air Forces.

Anderson also predicted that as the size of our operations increases, we may suffer even higher losses on individual raids than the 60 Fortresses downed on the Schweinfurt raid. But he doubted that the percentage of our losses would increase above the 5 per cent which we have been able to maintain up to now.

He told reporters that he believed there has been too much emphasis upon our losses and not upon the damage we have inflicted on the enemy. Since the first of July, he said, we have been following a precise plan of attack on a concentrated target system in Germany proper. We studied carefully the Nazi economic structure and we are now destroying its most vulnerable parts and those which contribute the most to the German war effort.

Specifically we have been striking at submarine bases and sub yards, at airplane factories and those factories which furnish components of war machinery—particularly at ball bearing plants—and at factories which manufacture motor transport.

### Fighter Production Cut 39%

As an example of how successful has been our campaign, Anderson cited the fact that production of German single-engine fighters had been cut 39 per cent by our bombing.

## Salvation Army Workers Said to Be Morale Lifters

WASHINGTON—Reports that Eighth Army officers have praised Salvation Army workers for contributing to morale on the Italian front have been received this week by the Capital Division of the Salvation Army.

The cable, dated "Maple Leaf, Italy," noted that the town, renamed in honor of the Canadian forces, is a recreation center where a Salvation Army canteen serves 6,500 men daily. Wounded soldiers have been washed, cables and last messages taken for near relatives; solace was given to the dying; the dead were buried and, in each case, an identifying wooden cross was erected by Salvation Army workers.



GENERAL ANDERSON  
Clouds Overcome

"The job ahead is not easy," the general said, "but we are determined to destroy Germany's ability and will to wage war."

Crews of planes who take the risks in the bombing of Nazi Europe feel that lives lost in the air offensive will save lives of many of their comrades when the invasion comes, General Anderson added.

General Anderson was moved up from commanding officer of a B-17 wing on July 1, 1943, to take command of the Eighth Bomber Command. He expects to return to England to serve under Air Marshal Tedder in the coming invasion of the continent.

## Play Ball!

CAMP BEALE, Calif. — A Top-kick, saturated with the elevated vocabulary of the new Army, posted the following notice on the bulletin board.

"Men, I know six o'clock is a little early to fall out, but it has to be done. If you men will play ball with me—I'll play ball with you."

A pencil notation soon appeared on the notice.

"We'd like to cooperate, Sarge—but six o'clock in the morning is a hell of a time to play ball."

## Cramp Ends Marathon Half Way in 25 Mile Run

CAMP GORDON JOHNSON, Fla. —When a major here made good on a boast that he could march 25 miles in six hours, Pvt. C. T. Jones, not to be outdone, claimed: "I can run the 25 miles."

Accompanied by witnesses in the inevitable jeep, he set off at a brisk trot and had covered 13 miles in slightly more than two hours when a muscular cramp ended the marathon. Unbowed and undaunted, Private Jones declares he can and will perform the feat.

## Railroads

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the War Department on their way to take possession of the roads.

In addition, the War Department called in various presidents of large railroads, gave them commissions, sent them hurrying to the PX to buy uniforms and then on their way to their posts as administrators of seven new railroad regions. Commanders of the nine service commands were given orders to provide security and administration. Service command transportation officers were called to Washington for conference.

If necessary, the Army would have put trained railroadmen, now in the Army, abroad the trains to run them, in uniform and at Army pay. But Secretary Stimson emphasized that troops would be used only to supplement not replace regular personnel. If the strike had developed Army trucks would have been called into service to bolster the transportation system. But no need was seen to add to the already large number of MP's policing the railroads in order to protect property.

Just how serious was the threat to the war effort was to be found in a letter to Secretary Stimson by Gen. H. H. Arnold, commanding general of the Army Air Forces. Said General Arnold:

### Would Paralyze AAF

"The threatened general railroad strike constitutes a threat to the war effort of the Army Air Forces the seriousness of which cannot be exaggerated.

"Study of the anticipated effect of the imminent strike reveals that it would virtually paralyze the war effort of the Army Air Forces. Briefly, cessation of rail transportation would immediately stop the flow of Air Force technical supplies, stop export of drummed gasoline, exhaust aviation fuel supplies in five days thus grounding largest portion of aircraft based in U. S. and ultimately stop all air operations overseas. Routine training activities would be affected in from three to ten days. inter-continental movement of Air Forces personnel would be curtailed by approximately 75 per cent, and movement of committed combat and supporting units to ports of embarkation would be curtailed instantly.

"As the railroads are presently being used to maximum capacity, any stoppage of their operation would result in a shortage of materials in aircraft production equal to the amount of the daily shipments multiplied by the duration of the stoppage, which theoretically at least could never be made up. One day's stoppage would lose the country some 300 airplanes.

"In summary, a general statement can be made that loss of domestic rail transport will effectively stop all present and proposed Air Force operations."

## Oldest Man In The Army, 75, Injured In Accident

LONG BEACH, Calif.—The oldest enlisted man in the United States Army, Sgt. John W. Westervelt, was placed in the hospital here today, with a broken leg, after he had been struck down by a taxicab.

Westervelt is stationed with an air transport command ferrying group here. He regularly passes physical examinations.

## We Will Win in 1944 Says Gen. Eisenhower

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has implicit faith in the air arm as an offensive weapon and emphasized that faith by naming Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder as deputy supreme commander of the invasion forces.

### Airman's Airman

Marshal Tedder is the world's most experienced man in the tactical use of air power. He not only defeated the Luftwaffe in the air and on the ground but helped keep Field Marshal Gen. Erwin Rommel's ground forces on the run in Africa.

Marshal Tedder is an airman's airman in that he is no champion of orthodoxy and tradition in the military sense. His classic remark, "To hell with history, what's the problem?" is an index to his character. It was his pattern-bomb-laying on the tip of Tunis, that taught the Nazis and the world what aerial support of a ground army should be like.

With an Allied resolution for victory in the European theatre for 1944 it is well to look back on the military events of the old year.

Almost without exception 1943 was a victory-filled year for the Allies. The victories, though small when compared with those promised for the coming year, broke the Axis' defenses at scattered points and made the possibility of major actions a certainty in 1944.

The Russians drove the invading

Nazis from two-thirds of the occupied Soviet territory.

The British and American Air Forces launched an attack to destroy Hitler's production.

Anglo-American forces have liberated North Africa, Sicily and Southern Italy.

Allied forces have routed the Japanese in the Aleutians, the Gilberts, much of the Solomons and New Guinea and are pressing the attack on New Britain.

The feared Nazi "wolf packs" of the sea are no longer a menace to Allied shipping.

### Greater Unity

A greater unity and finer cooperation has been reached through the many conferences held this year by representatives from the United States, Great Britain, Russia and China. Military and political leaders have been able to solve minor difficulties in the interest of a concerted effort—not only militarily but in post-war planning.

Although the Axis faces a worldwide squeeze play in 1944 Allied fighting men and women have a long way to go before the gates of Berlin and Tokyo are reached.

No military leader was guilty of predicting a Japanese defeat this coming year. Many just pointed toward the proposed European invasion and then added, "when the Allies get loose in that theatre we'll pour the heat on the Japs."

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